

FUTURE CONTINUOUS

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Grammar focus

Using the Future Continuous in everyday situations, making predictions about future activities, and an introduction to the Future Perfect.

1. Activity A – What's Happening at That Time?

Read each situation. Write a complete sentence using the Future Continuous.

1. Maria has a flight at 8 a.m. tomorrow. (fly / to Singapore / at 8 a.m.)

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2. Tom has a night shift tonight. (work / at midnight)

   _____

3. The children have football practice at 4 p.m. (play / football / at 4:30)

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4. Your friend is driving to another city tomorrow morning. (drive / at 10 a.m.)

   _____

5. You have an English class at 9 tomorrow. (study / English / at 9)

   _____

6. Your parents are having guests tomorrow evening. (have / dinner / at 7:30)

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2. Activity B – Read the Conversation

Complete the conversation using the Future Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Anna: Hi, Peter! What are you doing tomorrow evening?

Peter: I'm not sure. Why?

Anna: We're having a party. Would you like to come?

Peter: I'd love to! What time does it start?

Anna: At 7 p.m. What _____ you _____ (do) at that time?

Peter: I think I _____ (finish) work around 6, so I should be free.

Anna: Great! My brother _____ (prepare) the food, and my parents _____ (decorate) the house in the afternoon.

Peter: Sounds good! _____ your friends _____ (come) too?

Anna: Yes, they are. Most of them _____ (travel) from other towns, so they might arrive a little late.

Peter: No problem. I _____ (wait) for them!

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3. Activity C – Plan Your Future Day

Imagine you have a very busy day next Saturday. Complete the timetable with your own activities.

Time	What will you be doing?
8:00 a.m.	
10:00 a.m.	
12:00 p.m.	
2:00 p.m.	
5:00 p.m.	
8:00 p.m.	

Now write six complete sentences about your day. Use the Future Continuous.

Example: At 8 a.m. next Saturday, I will be having breakfast.

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4. Activity D – What Will You Be Doing?

Work with a partner. Ask and answer the questions using the Future Continuous. Give complete answers and add extra information where possible.

1. What will you be doing at 8 o'clock tonight?

   _____

2. What will you be doing this time tomorrow?

   _____

3. Will you be working or studying next weekend?

   _____

4. What will you be doing during your next holiday?

   _____

5. Will you be living in the same place five years from now?

   _____

6. What will your friends or family be doing this time next year?

   _____

Example:

A: What will you be doing at 8 tonight?

B: I'll be watching a film with my family.

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5. Look & Learn – A Challenge: The Future Perfect

The Future Perfect is another way to talk about the future. We use it when an action will be completed before a particular time in the future.

Form:

Subject + will have + past participle

Examples:

- By 8 p.m., I will have finished my homework.
- By next year, she will have graduated from university.
- They will have arrived before lunchtime.

Useful time expressions:

- By tomorrow
- By next week
- By the end of the year
- By the time
- Before

Compare the two tenses:

Future Continuous	Future Perfect
I will be working at 8.	I will have finished work by 8.
She will be travelling at noon.	She will have arrived by noon.
They will be studying tonight.	They will have completed their studies by Friday.

Remember:

- Future Continuous = an activity in progress at a future time.
- Future Perfect = an activity completed before a future time.

The Future Perfect is a challenge activity. You have to master it to complete the main lesson.

6. Activity E – Future Perfect Challenge

Complete the sentences using the Future Perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

1. By 9 p.m., I _____ (finish) my homework.
2. She _____ (graduate) by the end of next year.
3. By lunchtime, they _____ (complete) the work.
4. We _____ (arrive) at the hotel before 6 p.m.
5. By Friday, he _____ (write) three reports.
6. By the time you arrive, I _____ (prepare) dinner.

7. Activity F – Which Future Tense?

Choose the correct form: Future Continuous or Future Perfect.

1. At 10 tomorrow morning, I (will be attending / will have attended) a meeting.
2. By 10 tomorrow morning, I (will be attending / will have attended) the meeting.
3. This time next week, we (will be relaxing / will have relaxed) on the beach.
4. At midnight, he (will be sleeping / will have slept).
5. By the end of the holiday, we (will be visiting / will have visited) five different cities.
6. By midnight, he (will be sleeping / will have slept) for eight hours.

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Answer Key

1. Activity A – What's Happening at That Time?

1. Maria will be flying to Singapore at 8 a.m.
2. Tom will be working at midnight.
3. The children will be playing football at 4:30.
4. My friend will be driving to another city at 10 a.m.
5. I will be studying English at 9.
6. My parents will be having dinner at 7:30.

2. Activity B – Read the Conversation

1. will / be doing
2. will be finishing
3. will be preparing
4. will be decorating
5. Will / be coming
6. will be travelling
7. will be waiting

6. Activity E – Future Perfect Challenge

1. will have finished
2. will have graduated
3. will have completed
4. will have arrived
5. will have written
6. will have prepared

7. Activity F – Which Future Tense?

1. will be attending
2. will have attended
3. will be relaxing
4. will be sleeping
5. will have visited
6. will have slept

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