

FUTURE FORMS

I. Check your grammar: write the sentences in the correct group.

Predictions and hopes

Spontaneous ideas

**Plans and
arrangements**

1. I don't think I'll ever be famous.
2. I'll hold the door for you.
3. I'll wash. You dry.
4. I'm seeing Jenny on Sunday.
5. We'll help you!
6. I'm sure you'll enjoy it.
7. It won't take long to get there.
8. What are you doing next week?
9. You'll feel better soon.
10. Are you going to the cinema tomorrow night?
11. I'm playing basketball tonight.
12. I'll ask him.

II. Check your grammar: circle the best future form to complete these sentences.

1. Don't worry about your driving test! I'm sure you'll pass / you're passing .
2. I won't come / 'm not coming on Friday, sorry. I have a doctor's appointment.
3. Are you hot? OK, I'm going to / I'll open the window.
4. Don't leave your bike there! Someone 's stealing it / 'll steal it .
5. Good morning and welcome to our school. In this talk I'll / I'm going to tell you about ...
6. Look at the traffic! We're going to be / We're arriving late for school.
7. Oops, I forgot your drink! I'm going to / I'll go and get it now.
8. I don't think he'll / think he won't go to the party.

III. Check your grammar: correct and write these sentences on the line below.

1. That looks heavy. I help you.

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2. I'll play at a music festival this weekend.

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3. He's playing really badly. There's no way he's winning this match.

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4. I'll meet Charlie and Anna later.

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5. Let's not go to that beach. I think it's too full of tourists today.

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6. I'll start piano lessons on Monday. I'm really looking forward to it.

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7. I think it won't rain today.

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8. Ask her! I'm sure she isn't minding.

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~ The Future Perfect Tense ~

Structure

Subject + will + have + verb + ed (or) *Past Participle form of the verb*
 [questions] Will + subject + have + verb + ed (or) *Past Participle form of the verb*

The future perfect tense is used for an action that will be finished before a stated future time. In other words; it is used when you talk about the past in the future.

Examples of *present perfect* in use:

I **will have finished** by 10am.

I **will have sung** by this time tomorrow.

Tip = the word “shall” can be used instead of “will” especially for “I” and “we”.

Statement – Positive: They will have run... (they’ll)

Negative: He will not have worked... (he’ll)

Question – Positive: Will she have seen...?

Negative: Will I not have watched....? (won’t...?)

Answer – Positive: Yes, he will have....

Negative: No, I will not have... (won’t...)

Future Perfect

Exercise 1

Put the verbs into the correct form (future perfect).

1. By 9 o'clock we (cook) _____ dinner.

2. They (eat) _____ by then.

3. In one week he (cross) _____ the Atlantic by boat.

4. She (go) _____ home.

5. Jane (not / finish) _____ her work.

6. The sun (not / rise) _____ by 4 o'clock.

7. (do / you) _____ the washing up by six o'clock?

8. Our boss (not / leave) _____ the office yet.

Signal words for future perfect

Associated expressions : By Monday, in a week.

~ The Future Continuous Tense ~

Structure

Subject + will + be + verb + ing
 [questions] Will + subject + be + verb + ing

In English, the future continuous is used for actions in progress at a certain time in the future. For planned actions and for asking questions about people's plans.

Examples of *future continuous* in use:

- I'll be flying to London exactly this time tomorrow. (certain point in the future)
- I'll be talking to John in the evening, can you remind him please? (planned action)
- Will you be using the computer tonight? (someone's future plan)

Students vocally complete each sentence and write down different examples on their time tense log form.

Statement – Positive: He will be shopping....
 Negative: She will not be running....(won't)

Question – Positive: Will they be eating...?
 Negative: Will she not be gardening...?

Answer – Positive: Yes, she will...
 Negative: No he will not...

Exercise 1

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets (future continuous).

1. Hopefully tomorrow, we _____ (lie) on the beach all day.
2. What _____ (you do) in a year from now?
3. At this level you _____ (speak) Spanish fluently in a few months.
4. Before long, he _____ (ask) you for more money again.
5. Just wait. She _____ (not telephone) you every night.
6. This time tomorrow, _____ (they sit) on a train to Barcelona?
7. I _____ (not use) my computer in the evening so you can play on it.
8. _____ (you study) for your test tonight? I'd like to study with you.
9. He _____ (not work) on this project next week. He'll be off.
10. What class _____ (she teach) at 8 o'clock tomorrow?

Signal words for future simple

in a year, next ..., tomorrow

Associated expressions : I think, probably, perhaps

Future tenses exercises

Complete the following sentences choosing the correct future tense form for the verb in brackets, and practice lessons learnt in *The English Tenses Practical Grammar Guide*. There are many possible future tense forms to choose from, including simple present, present continuous, will-future, going to-future, will+present perfect, and will+present perfect continuous.

1. The train _____ (to arrive) at 12:30.
2. We _____ (to have) dinner at a seaside restaurant on Sunday.
3. It _____ (to snow) in Brighton tomorrow evening.
4. On Friday at 8 o'clock I _____ (to meet) my friend.
5. Paul _____ (to fly) to London on Monday morning.
6. Wait! I _____ (to drive) you to the station.
7. The English lesson _____ (to start) at 8:45.
8. Are you still writing your essay? If you _____ (to finish) by 4pm, we can go for a walk.
9. I _____ (to see) my mother in April.
10. Look at the clouds – it _____ (to rain) in a few minutes.
11. When they _____ (to get) married in March, they _____ (to be) together for six years.
12. You're carrying too much. I _____ (to open) the door for you.
13. Do you think the teacher _____ (to mark) our homework by Monday morning?
14. When I _____ (to see) you tomorrow, I _____ (show) you my new book.
15. After you _____ (to take) a nap, you _____ (to feel) a lot better
16. I'm sorry but you need to stay in the office until you _____ (to finish) your work.
17. I _____ (to buy) the cigarettes from the corner shop when it _____ (to open).
18. I _____ (to let) you know the second the builders _____ (to finish) decorating.
19. Before we _____ (to start) our lesson, we _____ (to have) a review.
20. We _____ (to wait) in the shelter until the bus _____ (to come).

21. I'm very sorry Dr. Jones _____ (not be) back in the clinic until 2pm.
22. This summer, I _____ (to live) in Brighton for four years.
23. I don't think you _____ (to have) any problems when you land in Boston.
24. The baby should be due soon, next week she _____ (to be) pregnant for nine months.
25. By the time we get home, they _____ (to play) football for 30 minutes.
26. In three years I _____ (to live) in a different country.
27. When you _____ (to get) off the train, I _____ (to wait) for you by the ticket machine.
28. _____ (to take) your children with you to France?
29. This time next week I _____ (ski) in Switzerland!
30. Now I _____ (to check) my answers.

Future tenses Exercise Answers

1. The train **arrives** at 12:30.
2. We **are going to have** dinner at a seaside restaurant on Sunday.
3. It will snow in Brighton tomorrow evening. (or is going to snow)
4. On Friday at 8 o'clock I am meeting my friend. (or am going to meet)
5. Paul is flying to London on Monday morning.
6. Wait! I will drive you to the station.
7. The English lesson starts at 8:45.
8. Are you still writing your essay? If you finish by 4pm, we can go for a walk.
9. I am going to see my mother in April.
10. Look at the clouds – it is going to rain in a few minutes. (or will rain)
11. When they get married in March, they will have been together for six years.
12. You're carrying too much. I will open the door for you.
13. Do you think the teacher will have marked our homework by Monday morning?
14. When I see you tomorrow, I will show you my new book.
15. After you take a nap, you will feel a lot better. (or have taken)
16. I'm sorry but you need to stay in the office until you have finished your work. (or finish)
17. I will buy the cigarettes from the corner shop when it opens.
18. I will let you know the second the builders have finished decorating. (or finish)
19. Before we start our lesson, we are going to have a review. (or will have)
20. We will wait in the shelter until the bus comes.
21. I'm very sorry Dr. Jones won't back in the clinic until 2pm.
22. This summer, I will have been living in Brighton for four years.
23. I don't think you will have any problems when you land in Boston. (or are going to have)
24. The baby should be due soon, next week she will have been pregnant for nine months.
25. By the time we get home, they **will have been playing** football for 30 minutes.

26. In three years I **am going to live** in a different country. (or **will live**)
27. When you get off the train, I **will be waiting** for you by the ticket machine.
28. **Are you going to** take your children with you to France?
29. This time next week I **will be skiing** in Switzerland!
30. Now I **will check** my answers. (or **am going to**)