

Future Continuous and Future Perfect Exercises

Level: B1

In progress then, or finished by then?

Use the future continuous (*will be + -ing*) for an action in progress at a future time. Use the future perfect (*will have + past participle*) for an action completed before a future time.

Future continuous: *At 8 p.m., I will be studying.* The studying will be in progress at eight.

Future perfect: *By 8 p.m., I will have finished.* Finishing will happen before eight.

At and by: *At* names the moment you look at. *By* sets a deadline. Read the whole sentence to decide whether the action is ongoing or complete.

Form: Use *will be working* for the continuous and *will have worked* for the perfect. The second verb form changes.

Questions: Put *will* before the subject: *Will you be working at noon?* / *Will you have finished by noon?*

Exercise 1: Choose the future form

Choose the form that matches the stated future time and meaning.

- At 9 p.m. tonight, I ___ for my exam. I plan to study from eight until ten.
a) will be studying b) will have studied c) studied
- By 9 p.m. tonight, I ___ my homework. It will be ready before nine.
a) will be finishing b) will have finished c) finish
- Don't call at noon. We ___ with the client from eleven to one.
a) will be meeting b) will have met c) met
- By the time the guests arrive, she ___ dinner. It will be on the table.
a) will be cooking b) will have cooked c) cooks
- This time next week, they ___ across the country. The trip takes all day.
a) will be driving b) will have driven c) drove
- By the end of the month, we ___ ten lessons. The tenth will be complete.
a) will be completing b) will have completed c) complete

Exercise 2: Complete the future timeline

Use the future continuous or future perfect form named in the hint. Type all missing words.

- At six tomorrow evening, I ___ dinner. I start at five and finish at seven. (cook — in progress)
- By six tomorrow evening, I ___ dinner. We can eat at six. (cook — completed)
- At midnight, they ___ home. Their train leaves at eleven and arrives at one. (travel — in progress)
- By Friday, she ___ the book. She will return it then. (read — completed)

11. At ten, we ___ the new plan. The discussion starts at nine and ends at eleven. (discuss — in progress)

12. By the time you arrive, I ___ the tickets. They will be in your inbox. (send — completed)

Exercise 3: Fix the future form

Replace the incorrect verb phrase with the correct form. Keep the rest of the sentence.

13. At nine tomorrow, I will studying in the library.

14. By Friday, she will has finished the project.

15. At noon, we will be meet the visitors.

16. By the time you get home, I will have cook dinner.

17. At this time next week, they will be travelled through Spain.

18. By the end of the day, we will have write the report.

Answer key

Exercise 1: Choose the future form

1. a) will be studying
2. b) will have finished
3. a) will be meeting
4. b) will have cooked
5. a) will be driving
6. b) will have completed

Exercise 2: Complete the future timeline

7. will be cooking
8. will have cooked
9. will be travelling / will be traveling
10. will have read
11. will be discussing
12. will have sent

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