

## English B2 · Future continuous and perfect

Upper-intermediate English for Chinese speakers; classroom examples, not official exam items.

## The photo and the deadline

The future continuous is a photo of the future; the future perfect is a deadline with the work already inside it.

## The forms

| Tense             | Form                   | Example                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| future continuous | will be + -ing         | She will be working at nine.   |
| future perfect    | will have + participle | She will have finished by ten. |

### Use the evidence

Negatives: won't be working, won't have finished. Questions flip will.

## Your turn: build the deadline

### Your turn

By nine, I \_\_\_\_ (finish) my homework.

- A. will finish
- B. will have finished
- C. will have finish
- D. will be finish

## Photo or deadline

continuous — in progress at...

This time next week, we'll be flying to Beijing.

At eight tonight, I'll be doing my homework.

perfect — finished by...

By this time next week, we'll have landed.

By nine, I'll have finished it.

## Your turn: hear the signal

### Your turn

This time tomorrow, we \_\_\_\_ (fly) to Beijing.

- A. will have flown
- B. will be flying
- C. will fly
- D. are fly

## The polite continuous

plain will — can sound like a challenge

Will you use the computer tonight?

A decision is being demanded.

continuous — soft and safe

Will you be using the computer tonight?

The plan is assumed; the question checks details.

## Your turn: by or until

### Your turn

I'll be working here \_\_\_\_ Friday. (the work continues up to Friday)

- A. by
- B. until
- C. since
- D. for

# The gates never close

## Old rules, new tenses

When I arrive, I'll call you. — never when I will arrive.

I will have finished by nine. — never I will have finish.

## Say it aloud

Photograph: This time tomorrow, I'll be sitting in the exam.



Honesty: The pen will be shaking. The brain will be fine. Probably.



Deadline: By the end of the year, I'll have learned two thousand words.



The small win: By the end of today, I'll have learned ten. Both are victories.

## Check yourself

- This time tomorrow, I'll be sitting on the beach — a photo of the future.
- By Friday, I'll have finished — the deadline contains the work.
- Will you be using the computer tonight? — the blanketed question.
- I'll be working until Friday — duration, not deadline.