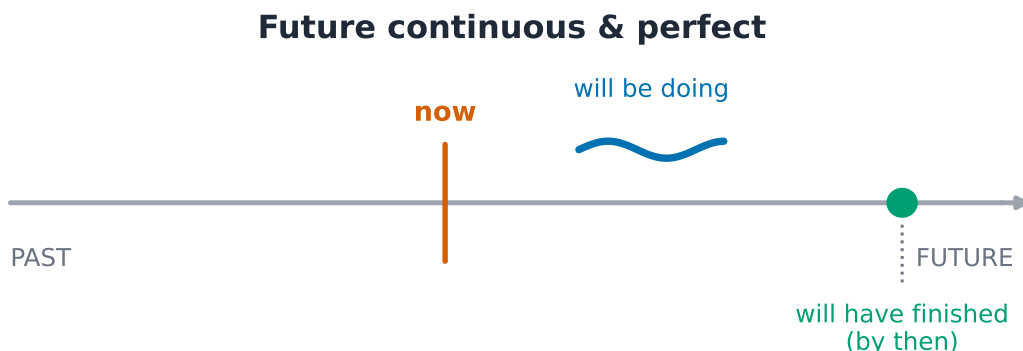


Future continuous and perfect

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Future Continuous (will be + V-ing)



Future continuous and future perfect on one timeline: a wavy band after 'now'

Future Continuous indicates an action that will be **in progress at a specific moment in the future**.

Structure: will be + -ing

This time tomorrow, I will be flying to Paris.

At this time tomorrow, I will be flying to Paris.

Don't call at eight; we will be having dinner.

Don't call at eight; we'll be having dinner then.

Note: It is also frequently used to politely ask about someone's plans: *Will you be using the car tonight?*

Future Perfect (will have + past participle)

Future Perfect indicates an action that will be **completed before a specific moment in the future**.

Structure: will have + , often used with **by + future time**.

By next year, I will have finished my studies.

By next year, I will have graduated.

They will have left by the time you arrive.

They will have left by the time you arrive.

Note: Common collocation **by + time point** (e.g., by 2030, by then, by the time...), meaning “by that time.”

Common Errors

- × ~~By 2030, I will finish my degree.~~ → ✓ By 2030, I **will have finished** my degree. — “by + future time” is a strong signal for future perfect.
- × ~~This time tomorrow I will fly to Paris.~~ → ✓ ...I **will be flying** to Paris. — “Action in progress at a future moment” uses will be + -ing; will fly merely states a decision.
- × ~~I will have finish it by Friday.~~ → ✓ I will have **finished** it. — Past participle follows will have.
- × ~~When you will arrive, I will have cooked dinner.~~ → ✓ **When you arrive**, I will have cooked dinner. — Time clauses still take simple present; no exceptions even with advanced main clauses.