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| **Future continuous** (will + be + V-ing) |

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**ACTIONS HAPPENING AT A FUTURE TIME**

We use the **future continuous** to talk about an action that will be happening in a future time:

* When you arrive at the restaurant, we **will be waiting** for you inside.

*Quand tu arriveras au restaurant, nous serons en train de t’attendre à l’intérieur.*

* Please don’t call me at the office tomorrow. I**’ll be working** at home.

*S’il te plait ne m’appelle pas au bureau demain. Je serai en train de travailler à la maison.*

* By this time next month, they**’ll be living** in Paris.

*D’ici le mois prochain, je vivrai à Paris.*

**FUTURE ACTIONS WITH POSSIBLE RESULTS**

Use future continuous to talk about a future action that has an impact on a later future action:

* I’**ll be meeting** my friends after work, so I may be home late.
* She**’ll be going** to the library tomorrow. Do you want her to take a book for you?
* We**’ll be turning** off the light for 3 hours. Please don’t use your computer during this time.

**ASKING ABOUT PLANS (polite)**

You can ask **polite** questions about decisions that were planned in the past. You can also use the “present continuous” or “be going to” for this but it’s more **informal and direct**.

* **Will** you **be coming** to the party tonight? (less direct, to your boss)
* **Are** you **coming** to the party tonight? (more direct, to your friend)

**KEYWORDS**

*by this time next week/month/year* + all the keywords for the future (see document “The Future Tenses 1”).

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| **Future perfect simple** (will + have + past participle) |



⚠️ In French, this is the *futur antérieur*.

**COMPLETED ACTIONS**

Use the future perfect simple for actions which we expect to be **finished before a particular future time**:

Future moment

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Future perfect simple

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Present

* We**’ll have eaten** by 8PM. Then, I’ll call you as soon as I**’ll have put** my baby to bed.

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* He**’ll have arrived** by the time we finish homework tonight.

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* They**’ll have left** before tomorrow morning.

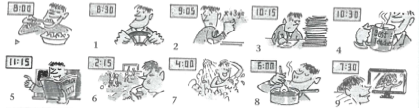
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**KEYWORDS**

*by Sunday/tomorrow/tonight/8PM* (d’ici …)*, by the time, as soon as* (dès que)*, before*.

**EXERCISE 1 – Look at the pictures and say what the teacher will be doing at different times tomorrow. Use the expressions from the box.**



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| cook supper correct papers drive to work have a shower ~~have breakfast~~  have coffee teach French teach maths train the football team watch TV |

At 8:00, he will be having breakfast.

1) …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

2) …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

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8) …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

9) …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

**EXERCISE 2 – Use the future perfect simple and underline the part that tells you to use the future perfect simple.**

**Margaret:** Do you think everything will be finished when I get back from the store?

**Jerry:** By the time you get back, ……………………………………………1 (I / not pick) up the living room and ……………………………………….2 (I / not finish) washing the dishes. Duh! Of course it will! Everything will be perfect when your parents arrive.

**Margaret:** I hope so, Jerry. They will arrive around 6 o'clock. It’s really important for me.

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**Nick:** Lou just has two more courses before he graduates from university. By this time next year, …………………………….3 (he / receive), and he will already be looking for a job.

**Stacey:** Does that scare you? Are you worried about his future?

**Nick:** Not really. He is also going to do an internship so that when he leaves school, …………………………………………..4 (he / complete, not only) over 13 business courses, but ………………………………………….5 (he / work, also) in the real world.

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**Stan:** Did you hear that Christine will take another vacation in South America this winter?

**Fred:** At this rate, ……………………………………….6 (she / visit) every country in the world by the time she's 50. ………………………………………………….7 (she / not have) time to do anything else by then.

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**Judy:** How long do you plan on staying in Miami?

**Elaine:** I love Miami, so I’ll stay here for an extended period of time. When I go back home, …………………………………………..8 (I / be) here for more than three months.

**Judy:** Wow, that's quite a vacation! ………………………………………………..9 (you / see, definitely) just about everything there is to see in Miami by then.

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**Jack:** Do you want to go to the gym for an intensive workout session?

**Luke:** Argh… I don’t know… I’ll let you know as soon as …………………………………………..10

**EXERCISE 3 – Read an interview about life in the future, and use the present continuous, be going to, future simple, future continuous, or the future perfect.**

**Interviewer:** Today, ………………………………….1 (we/talk) to Jonathan Winters about life in the future. Jonathan, what ……………………………………….2 (our homes / be) like in the future ?

**Jonathan :** Well, they might not look very different from what they do today, but ………………………………………….3 (there / be) differences. In twenty years' time, ……………………………………………4 (homes / become) smaller, because more and more …………………………………………5 (people / live) in crowded cities. However, …………………………………………….6 (designers / find) ways of making small homes more comfortable. For example, ……………………………………….. 7 (they / have) walls that can be moved so that space can be used in different ways. Also, ……………………………………….8 (our kitchens / cook) for us.

**Interviewer :** What do you mean ?

**Jonathan :** Imagine you’re hungry but you’re too lazy to prepare something. So you think to yourself : “……………………………………….. 9 (I / ask) the fridge to cook some food ». So you select the dish you want on your smartphone, and ………………………………………..10 (the fridge / use) its 3D printer and ………………………………………..11 (it / print) the food.

**Interviewer :** That doesn’t sound very healthy. …………………………………………12 (people/ not die) from food poisoning with this technology? I mean, ………………………………………13 (you / not eat) real food with it.

**Jonathan :** Don’t worry. I promise, ………………………………………14 (it / not harm) anybody. By that time, ……………………………………………..15 (the fridges / be) checked for any harmful things. Also, by then, ………………………………………….16 (scientists / invent) glass that can change from transparent to black. The idea is that …………………………………………17 (transparent glass / let) light and heat in, but …………………………………………….18 (black glass / not let) them out. For instance, ……………………………………………..19 (you / enjoy) your time in a cool house, while ………………………………………20 (it / be) 40°C outside.

**Interviewer :** That’s amazing. I’ve heard that you have a meeting right after our interview. I’m curious : who …………………………………………….21 (you / meet) ?

**Jonathan :** The CEO of “Future Enterprise”. ……………………………………….22 (we / eat) dinner together at a restaurant in town to organize some projects. By the way, I have to go now, or ……………………………………………23 (I / miss) my train. It was a pleasure talking to you.

**Interviewer :** The pleasure was all mine. Hopefully, …………………………………………..24 (you / come) back to our studio before all these inventions are available !

KEY

**Exercise 1**

1) At 8:30, he will be driving to work.

2) At 9:05, he will be teaching maths.

3) At 10:15, he will be correcting papers.

4) At 10:30, he will be having coffee.

5) At 11:15, he will be teaching French.

6) At 2:15, he will be training the football team.

7) At 4:00, he will be having a shower.

8) At 8:00, he will be cooking.

9) At 7:30, he will be watching TV.

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**Exercise 3**

1) we’re talking

2) will our homes be

3) there will be

4) homes will have become

5) people will be living

6) designers will find

7) they will have

8) our kitchens will cook

9) I’m going to ask

10) the fridge will use

11) it will prepare

12) Won’t people die

13) you won’t be eating

14) it won’t harm

15) the fridges will have been

16) scientists will have invented

17) transparent glass will let

18) black glass won’t let

19) you will be enjoying

20) it will be

21) are you going to meet

22) We’re eating

23) I’m going to miss

24) you will have come