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future perfect and future continuous

future perfect: *will have* + past participle

The decorators **will have finished** painting by **(2 29))** Tuesday, so we can move back into the apartment then.
 The soccer team says that they **'ll have built** the new stadium in six months.
 Laura **won't have arrived** before dinner, so I'll leave some food on the stove for her.
 When **will they have learned** enough English to be able to communicate fluently?

We use the future perfect (*will have* + past participle) to say something will be finished before a certain time in the future.

- This tense is frequently used with the time expressions *by Saturday | March | 2030*, etc., or *in two weeks | months*, etc.
- *By* + a time expression = at the latest. With *in*, you can say *in six months*.
- We form the negative with *won't have* + past participle and make questions by inverting the subject and *will | won't*.

future continuous: *will be* + verb + *-ing*

Don't call between 7:00 and 8:00 because we **'ll be (2 30))** **having** dinner then.
 Good luck on your test tomorrow. **I'll be thinking** of you.
 This time tomorrow I **'ll be sitting** on the beach **watching** the sunset.
 Come at 7:00 because **we won't be starting** dinner until 8:00.
Will you be waiting for me when I get off the train?
I'll be going to the supermarket later. Do you want anything?

- Use the future continuous (*will be* + verb + *-ing*) to say that an action will be in progress at a certain time in the future. Compare:
We'll have dinner at 8:00 (= we will start dinner at 8:00)
We'll be having dinner at 8:00 (= at 8:00 we will already have started having dinner)
- We sometimes use the future continuous, like the present continuous, to talk about things that are already planned or decided.
- We form the negative with *won't be* + verb + *-ing* and make questions by inverting the subject and *will | won't*.

a Complete the sentences using the future perfect or future continuous.

- The movie starts at 7:00. I will arrive at 7:15. When I arrive at the movie theater the movie *will have started*. (start)
- The flight to Miami takes off at 9:00 and lands at 10:30. At 10:00 they _____ to Miami. (fly)
 - I usually save \$200 a month. By the end of the year, I _____ \$2,400. (save)
 - Rebecca leaves at 6:30. It takes her an hour get to work. At 7:00 tomorrow she _____ to work. (drive)
 - The meeting starts at 2:00 and finishes at 3:30. Don't call me at 2:30 because we _____ a meeting. (have)
 - Sam is paying for his car. The last payment is in May. By June he _____ for his car. (pay)
 - Their last test is on May 31st. By the end of May they _____ their tests. (finish)
 - She writes a chapter of her novel a week. This week she's on chapter five. By the end of this week she _____ five chapters. (write)
 - Sonia is usually at the gym between 6:30 and 7:30. There's no point calling Sonia now. It's 7:00 and she _____ at the gym. (work out)
 - The movie started downloading at 7:30. It will take another hour. The movie _____ at 8:30. (download)

b Complete the dialogue with the verbs in parentheses in the future perfect or continuous.

- A** Well, it looks like we'll be having very different weather in the future if climate change continues.
- B** What do you mean?
- A** Well, they say *we'll be having* much higher temperatures here in New York, as high as 96°. And remember, we
 1 _____ on the beach, (have)
 we 2 _____ (not lie)
 in 96°, which is very different. (work)
 And islands like Puerto Rico
 3 _____ by 2150 (disappear)
 because of the rise in sea levels. They say the number of storms and hurricanes
 4 _____ by the middle (double)
 of the century too, so even more people
 5 _____ by then (move)
 to the cities looking for work. Big cities
 6 _____ even bigger by (grow)
 then. Can you imagine the traffic?
- B** I don't think there will be a problem with the traffic. Gas
 7 _____ completely by (run out)
 then anyway, so nobody will have a car. Someone 8 _____ (invent)
 a new method of transportation, so we
 9 _____ around in (fly)
 air cars or something.