

FUTURE PERFECT and FUTURE CONTINUOUS

FUTURE PERFECT

FORM:

will have + past participle

USE: to talk about actions/ events that will have been **completed / finished** by a certain time in the future

e.g. I'll have done all my exams **by** the end of the month.

Indicators: by + point in time

until/till and by

By - to talk about **an action/event** that will happen **at** or **before** a future moment.

e.g. Can you repair my watch **by** Friday?

Until - when talking about **a continuing situation or state** that **will stop** at a certain moment in the future.

e.g. Because it's your birthday you can stay up **until** 10pm.

FUTURE CONT

FORM:

will be + vb-ing

USE:

1. to talk about actions in progress at or around a particular moment in the future

e.g. **This time tomorrow** I'll be lying on a beach in Sardinia.

Indicators: at this time tomorrow; this time next week;

2. to talk about something that will happen in the normal course of events

e.g. 'We'll be flying at an altitude of 30,000 ft.' (= We always do this.
This is the norm.)

3. to ask politely about someone's plans (often to introduce a request.) (= 'What have you already decided?' we don't want to influence the other person.)

e.g. Will you be using the car tomorrow? If not, can I borrow it?

COMPARE:

The band will play when the president walks in.

The band will be playing when the president walks in.