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Future Tense

Simple future

The future simple is used to describe actions or events that will happen in the future.

Structure

- Positive structure: S+ will + base verb

I will work.

- Negative structure: S+ will not (won't)+ base verb

I won't work

- Interrogative structure: will+ S+ base verb

Will you work?

Yes, I will/ No, I won't.

Uses and examples

1- Decisions made at the moment of speaking (unplanned action):

Okey, I 'll call Jim at 3.00.

I'm thirsty. I will get some water.

2- Future predictions based on a belief (uncertain action):

We 'll probably visit Spain next month.

I think he will win the race.

3- Promises, offers or threats:

I won't tell anyone your secret.

I'll carry your bags for you.

If you do that again, I'll tell Mum.

4- Facts about the future

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Look at these clouds! It's going to rain.

He is coughing a lot. He's going to get sick.

2- Plans or intentions decided before the moment of speaking:

He is going to start a new job next month.

We are going to visit our grandparents this weekend.

Future continuous

The future continuous is used to describe an action that will be happening at a specific time in the future. It emphasizes the duration of the actions rather than its completion.

Positive structure: S+ will + be + ing

I will be ^Iworking from 9.00 tomorrow.

- **Negative structure:** S+ will+ not+ be+ verb+ ing

I won't be working from 9.00. tomorrow.

- **Interrogative structure:** Will + S+ be + verb+ ing

Will you be working?

Uses and examples

1- An action continues in the future for a period of time

Our team will be attending a conference from March 5-8.

2- An action continues during a moment in the future

At 2:30, I will be taking my English exam.

3- Parallel actions in the future

On Tuesday, Ali will be working on a presentation and Ahmed will be meeting a client.

4- For future actions that are expected or planned

He will be working on the project all day tomorrow.

5- An action we see as new or temporary

I'll be working for my dad until I find a new job.

Future perfect

The future perfect is used to describe actions that will have been completed by a certain point in the future. It emphasizes the completion of an action before another event or time.

Positive structure: S + will have + past participle

I 'll have finished a university next year.

Negative structure: S+ will not have+ past participle

I won't have finished university next year.

Interrogative structure: will+ S+ have+ past participle

By what time will you have finished university next year?

Uses and examples:

1- To talk about an action that will be completed before a specific time in the future

By next July, they will have moved to Baghdad, they will have started new jobs, and they will have bought a home.

2- To describe an action that will completed before another future action

When you arrive, the meeting will have started.

Time expressions

- **By** (a specific time): *By 2030, many cities will have adopted electric transportation.*
- **Before** (another event): *She will have left before the rain arrives.*
- **In** (a duration of time): *In two hours, I will have finished my homework.*

Future perfect continuous

This tense is used to describe actions that will have been ongoing for a specific duration by a certain point in the future. It emphasizes the duration of the action up to that time.

Structure

Positive structure: S+ will have been+ v- ing

I'll have been working here for one year.

Negative structure: S+ will not have been+ v- ing

I won't have been working here for one year.

Interrogative structure: will+ S+ have been+ v-ing

How long will you have been working here?

Uses and Examples:

1- How long an action will have been going on at a specific time in the future.

By Next November, we will have been living in this house for 15 years.

2- How long an action will have been going on before another action in the future.

By this time the guests arrive, I will have been cooking all day, so I will be exhausted.

Time expressions

- By (specific time): *By next month, she will have been teaching for five years.*
- For (a duration of time): *By the end of this year, I will have been living here for a decade.*

Key Difference from Future Perfect:

- The future perfect focuses on the completion of an action (*She will have finished her work*)
- The future perfect continuous focuses on the duration of an ongoing action leading up to a point in time (*She will have been working on it for hours*)