

# **English With**Nimafar

**Future Perfect (Continuous)** 

#### Overview:

- Future Perfect (Continuous) is an Upper-intermediate Grammar topic.
- At the end of this lesson, you will be able to talk about the past in the future and deadlines.

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## What is the Future Perfect?

Future Perfect is a verb tense used to describe an action that will be completed at some point in the future before another time.

## When do we use the Future Perfect?

We use future perfect when we want to promise or talk about deadlines. In other words, we use the Future Perfect tense to talk about actions or events that will have been completed at a specific time or before another future event.

### Structure

Subject	will	have	verb (p.p)	object	by time
1	will	have	done	the project	by June.

# **Basic Examples**

- I will have done the project by June.
- He will have got ready by the time we arrive.
- She will have prepared dinner when my meeting is over.
- They will have finished their homework by 10 pm tonight.

# About the auxiliary verb "have"

We use have/has as auxiliary verbs in perfect tenses. But in the Future Perfect tense, we only use the base form "have" since we use "will" after "will" we do not say "has" for third-person singular subjects.

#### Example:

- She will have applied by January. (NOT She will has applied by January.)
- Jack will have done the project by tonight. (NOT <del>Jack will has done the project by tonight.</del>)

## Will or 'll?

As it is pretty obvious, we can use contractions("subject + 'll") instead of "subject + will" in spoken English.

- She will => She'll
- They will => They'll
- | will => |'||

On the other hand, there are two ways we can use contractions for negative forms of future perfect.

- 1. Subject + '(apostrophe) + not
- 2. Subject + won't

#### For example:

- You will not => You'll not OR You won't
- We will not => We'll not OR We won't.
- I will not => I'll not OR I won't

# Negation

We talked about affirmative/positive sentences in the Future Perfect tense. What about negative ones? We simply add "not" to our modal verb "will."

- I will not have done the project by June.
- He won't have got ready by the time we arrive.
- She'll not have prepared dinner when my meeting is over.
- They will not have finished their homework by 10 pm tonight.

Note: Using "have not" or its other forms is considered grammatically correct but awkward and uncommon in its phrasing because of the use of double negatives. Therefore, it is better to say "will not" rather than "have not."

- I won't have done the project by June.
- I will haven't done the project by June.

## What About Questions?

We make questions with "will", as same as questions with modal verbs.

- She will have done it by tonight. => Will she have done it by tonight?
- They'll have finished their homework by tomorrow afternoon. => Will they have finished their homework by tomorrow afternoon?

## By Time

It is used to specify the future point when the action will be completed. We can use the "by time" phrase at the beginning with a comma or at the end of the sentence. We can use dates, years, months, days, hours, adverbs, or phrases.

#### Examples:

- I will have done it by September.
- She will have finished by tonight.
- They will have arrived by the time we leave.
- He will have joined the company by Monday.
- David will have checked if the car is locked by 5 pm.
- They will have discovered the cure by 2025.
- He will have been promoted by January 25(, 2023).

## **Future Perfect Continuous**

It describes an ongoing action that will continue up until a specified point in the future.

#### Example:

- I will have been teaching English for ten years by 2032.
- By 2025, they will have been producing new medicines.
- I will have been studying for three hours by 9 pm.
- She will have been working at Google for almost eighteen years by 2028.
- By 2099, robots will have been controlling humans.

## Advanced Tip

• Use the future perfect to speculate about future outcomes.

**Examples:** By the time the next election comes around, the party will have gained significant support.

• Use the future perfect continuous to emphasize the continuous nature of an action.

**Example:** By the time I finish this project, I will have been working on it for three weeks.

• Use for and since to indicate the duration of an action.

**Example:** I will have been studying for six hours by 9 pm since I have a big exam tomorrow.

# Examples

- 1. By next year, I will have graduated from college.
- 2. She will have finished writing her novel by the end of the month.
- 3. By the time we arrive, the party will have already started.
- 4. They will have won the game by the time we come to watch.

- 5. By the year 2050, many people will have travelled to space as tourists.
- 6. He will have saved enough money to buy a house by the end of the year.
- 7. By the time I retire, I will have worked for this company for 30 years.
- 8. I will have finished reading this book by tomorrow evening.
- 9. By next winter, we will have saved up enough money to go on a ski trip.
- 10. By the time they get married, they will have been dating for 10 years.
- 11. She will have travelled to every continent by the time she turns 40.
- 12. By the time I turn 50, I will have visited every state in the US.
- 13. We will have completed the project by the deadline.
- 14. By next summer, they will have been married for 5 years.
- 15. He will have retired from his job by the time he turns 65.
- 16. By the end of the year, I will have learned how to play the guitar.
- 17. She will have finished her degree by the time we move to a new city.
- 18. By the time the movie comes out, I will have read the book it is based on.
- 19. They will have been married for 20 years by their anniversary next month.
- 20. By the time the baby is born, we will have finished renovating the nursery.
- 21. By the time I finish this project, I will have been working on it for three weeks.
- 22. She will have been living in New York City for 10 years by the time she moves away.
- 23. By next year, I will have been teaching for 25 years.
- 24. He will have been travelling for six months straight by the time he returns home.
- 25. By the end of the week, we will have been married for five years.
- 26. How long will you have been studying Spanish by next summer?
- 27. Will you have finished your art exhibit by the opening date?
- 28. How long will you have been training for the marathon by race day?
- 29. How long will you have been working at this company by the time you retire?
- 30. How long will you have been practising your dance routine by the competition?
- 31. By the time I retire, I will have been working on advancements in technology for over 30 years.

- 32. After a decade of humanitarian work, I will have been making a positive impact on the world for 10 years.
- 33. By the year 2050, the human race will have been colonizing Mars for over 20 years.
- 34. After years of research, we will have been developing quantum computing technology for a decade.
- 35. By the time of the next Olympics, the athlete will have been setting world records for over 5 years.
- 36. By the time the energy crisis is resolved, scientists will have been developing new sources of renewable energy for over 50 years.
- 37. After years of research, the team will have been analyzing data from the Large Hadron Collider for a decade by the time groundbreaking discoveries are made.
- 38. By the year 2100, researchers will have been studying the effects of climate change for a century.
- 39. After a decade of development, the company will have been creating cutting-edge artificial intelligence technology for 10 years by the time the robots are fully autonomous.
- 40. By the time the world's population reaches 10 billion, governments will have been implementing sustainable development goals for several decades.

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