

# VERB TENSES: FUTURE

**Future Tense** expresses actions that have not happened yet as opposed to actions that are happening now or have already happened. The Future Tense most commonly appears in the form **Simple Future Tense**, but occasionally you will use other forms of the Future Tense like **Future Progressive Tense** and **Future Perfect Progressive Tense**. Below, you will find examples of each of these forms.

## SIMPLE FUTURE TENSE

**Simple Future Tense** expresses actions that **will happen in the future**.

Example: I *will walk* to class tomorrow.

Singular	Plural
I <b>will walk</b>	We <b>will walk</b>
You <b>will walk</b>	You (all) <b>will walk</b>
He/she/it <b>will walk</b>	They <b>will walk</b>

Simple Future Tense = **will + VERB**.

### EXAMPLES:

1. I *will cook* dinner tonight.
2. Katelyn *will finish* her homework later.
3. They *will play* against their rival team tomorrow.

## FUTURE PROGRESSIVE TENSE

**Future Progressive Tense** expresses actions that **will be in the process of happening at a specific future time**.

Example: I *will be walking* to class tomorrow at noon.

Singular	Plural
I <b>will be walking</b>	We <b>will be walking</b>
You <b>will be walking</b>	You (all) <b>will be walking</b>
He/she/it <b>will be walking</b>	They <b>will be walking</b>

Future Progressive Tense = **will be + VERB + -ing.**

#### EXAMPLES:

1. I *will be working* from 9 am to 3 pm tomorrow.
2. She *will be living* in this apartment for six more months.
3. We *will be studying* tonight, so we can't go see a movie with you.

#### FUTURE PERFECT TENSE

**Future Perfect Tense** expresses **actions that will happen before other future actions.**

Example: I *will have walked* to the mall already by the time you get there.

Singular	Plural
I <b>will have walked</b>	We <b>will have walked</b>
You <b>will have walked</b>	You (all) <b>will have walked</b>
He/she/it <b>will have walked</b>	They <b>will have walked</b>

Future Perfect Tense = **will have + PAST PARTICIPLE (usually VERB + -ed).**

#### EXAMPLES:

1. She *will have finished* her homework by the time her mother gets home.
2. We *will have cleaned* the whole house by the time you finish mowing the lawn.
3. The students *will have read* so many textbooks by the end of the semester.

#### FUTURE PERFECT PROGRESSIVE TENSE

**Future Perfect Progressive Tense** reflects on **actions that will have been happening for a certain length of time in the future.**

Example: I *will have been walking* for half an hour by the time I get to class.

Singular	Plural
I <b>will have been walking</b>	We <b>will have been walking</b>
You <b>will have been walking</b>	You (all) <b>will have been walking</b>
He/she/it <b>will have been walking</b>	They <b>will have been walking</b>

Future Perfect Progressive Tense = **will have been + VERB + -ing.**

## EXAMPLES:

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1. She *will have been studying* for six hours by the time she goes to bed.
2. Next month, I *will have been working* in this field for ten years.
3. We *will have been running* for almost half an hour by the time the race is over.

\* This information comes from the chapter “Key 4: Verb Tenses, Future,” in *Keys to Teaching Grammar to English Language Learners: A Practical Handbook*, by Keith S. Folse.

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