

Unit 4

The future continuous & future perfect tenses

I'm not joining you for lunch. I'll be **having** a six-pack when you are back.

I bet he'll **have eaten up** six packs of crisps by the time I'm back.

Grammar in Context

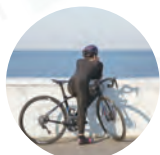
Theme: Health and fitness

Words by Theme



Read the following forum posts and answer the questions.

Elite
 Sports
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 Forum



Bikebuff

Re: Any workout¹ plans?

Hi there, I've just entered the semi-final of the joint school bike race. **I'll be receiving** intense² training. How can I maintain my peak form³ in the coming months? I'm afraid **I'll have lost** my strength⁴ before the race.



RunnyRun

↳ **Bikebuff** ① Well, I'll be strengthening my leg muscles through long-distance running. I'll begin training tomorrow, aiming for 35 km a week. ② Ideally, I'll have run 420 km in three months. ③ I may be working out on stationary bikes⁵ later ...



Tux

↳ **Bikebuff** Don't overtrain, and always stretch⁶ after every training! I've suffered from severe⁷ knee pain for two months after racing for several days in a row, so ④ I won't be taking part in any training for another three months. ⑤ I'll have recuperated⁸ by then. ⑥ I'll be cheering for you at the finishing line on your big day.

1. Read sentences ① – ⑥. Which situations are they referring to? Complete the table.

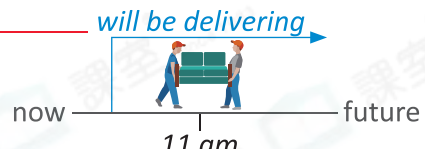
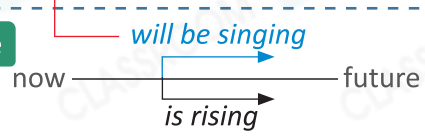
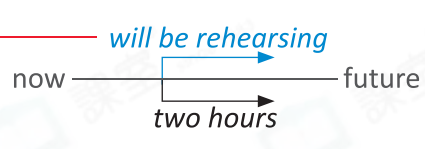
		Tenses	
Planned actions or actions in progress in the future	1		
Actions completed in the future			

2. Circle the correct answers.

- (i) The semi-final of the joint school bike race will be taking place (in / for) several months.
- (ii) RunnyRun's 420 km running project should be (ongoing / accomplished) after three months.
- (iii) When Tux recovers from knee pain, he will have rested for (two / three / five) months.

PART 1 The future continuous tense

We form the future continuous tense with *will be* + present participle of the verb.

Situations		Examples	
A future action in progress	at a specific time	<i>The porters will be delivering furniture around 11 am.</i>	
		<i>When the flag is rising, we will be singing the national anthem.</i>	
	for a period of time	<i>We'll be rehearsing for two hours tomorrow.</i> <i>Stock prices will still be falling in the next few weeks.</i>	
A prediction about the present		<i>Our team is leading 3-0. We will be entering the final!</i>	
A polite enquiry about someone's plan		<i>Will you be seeing the doctor tomorrow?</i>	
Common time expressions: while, when, still, this time tomorrow, in the afternoon, next week / month / year, for / in ... days / weeks / months / years			

Reminder!

We can use the future continuous tense or *be going to* to talk about planned actions.

<i>Will you be joining us tonight?</i>	<i>Are you going to join us tonight?</i>
<i>I won't be taking the public exam in April.</i>	<i>I'm not going to take the public exam in April.</i>
<i>Max will be repairing the network connection in a minute.</i>	<i>Max is going to repair the network connection in a minute.</i>



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Exercise 1.1

Complete the sentences using the simple present or future continuous tense.

- I _____ will be covering for _____ you when you are on leave.
- _____ in winter this year? I want to try winter swimming.
- Mr Lee _____ your questions in the Q&A session.
- The weather _____ promising. _____?
- I _____ a bath when you _____.
- Jim _____ a surgery before listening to the doctor's advice.
- I _____ a seminar when you _____ the plane.
- The mobile game company _____ its app from 9 tonight until further notice. During this period, administrators _____ access to the game temporarily.

cover for
not undergo
maintain
not look
we-still-camp
the pool-close
attend
take
answer
block
board
call



More to take away

promising (adj.) = showing signs of being good



Exercise 1.2

Karen is writing an invitation letter to the members of the school's hiking club. Are the underlined words correct? If yes, put a tick (✓). If no, write the correct word(s) using the simple present or future continuous tense.

Dear Hiking Club members,

The school's hiking club (1) organises a guided tour to Hong Kong Geopark in the post-exam period. We (2) will encourage all of you to join. The Parent-Teacher Association (3) subsidised all group meals and coach fares of the tour.

We (4) will be holding it on the last Saturday of this month. At around 9:30 that morning, we (5) gather at the Sai Kung Bus Terminus while the chairperson (6) is taking the roll call. This (7) is being a leisure tour so it will not take long. Members (8) are going to receive a detailed itinerary next week.

According to the weather forecast, it (9) will still rain on that day. Make sure you have your umbrella with you when you (10) will be leaving home.

Regards,
Karen Mok (Chairperson of Hiking Club)



1. will be organising
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

PART 2 The future perfect tense

We form the future perfect tense with **will have + past participle of the verb**.

Situations		Examples	
A future action that will have been completed	by a specific time	<i>The internship will end in March. Interns will have acquired different skills from various departments by then.</i>	<p><i>will have acquired</i></p> <p>now ————— ————— future</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> </p> <p style="text-align: center;">the end of the internship</p>
	before another action	<i>By the time we reach the mountain top, the sun will have set already.</i> by = no later than	<p><i>will have set</i></p> <p>now ————— ————— future</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> </p> <p style="text-align: center;">reach</p>

Common time expressions: **by** tomorrow / then / the time ... / the end of ..., **before**, **already**, **when**, **in** ... days / weeks / months / years

- *Will the cake **have already gone** stale before we **get** home?*
- *My son **will have done** all his summer assignments **when** the summer holiday **ends**.*

Error Diagnosis

When we talk about two future actions, we use the future perfect tense for the earlier action and the simple present tense for the later one.

When Sue will turn 30 next year, she will become a mother. ❌

When Sue turns 30 next year, she will have become a mother. ✅

later action: simple present

earlier action: future perfect



Let's compare

Compare the perfect tenses.

Past perfect	Present perfect	Future perfect
<i>By noon yesterday, I had completed my homework.</i>	<i>It's now noon. I have completed my homework.</i>	<i>By noon tomorrow, I will have completed my homework.</i>



DRILL

Exercise 2.1

Write sentences in the simple present, simple future or future perfect tense using the given words.

1. the fresh graduate—pay off—his student loans

The fresh graduate will have paid off his student loans in five years. _____ (... in five years ...)

2. Scott—learn—how to bake a cake his little sister's birthday

_____ (... by ...)

3. bus—be—full George—get on it

_____ (... by the time ...)

4. the flu season—peak the hospital emergency service—reach its limits

_____ (... in the following weeks ... By then ...)

5. the paint on the statue—dry the craftsman—spray—the protective coating

_____ (... already ... before ...)



Exercise 2.2

Sue is reporting a deadly fire. Rewrite what the people say using the given words. Use the simple present, simple future or future perfect tense.



Sue: The ambulances still haven't come. The casualties are soaring.

- ① By the time the ambulances come, the casualties will have soared.

_____ (... By the time ...)





Witness: If the injured people cannot receive life-saving procedures, many of them will lose their lives.

2 Many injured people _____
_____ (... *already ... when ...*).



Fire Services Department: We aim to rescue all the trapped residents within the golden hour.

3 _____
_____ (*By the end of ...*)



Police: It will take some time to complete the investigation because we will need to collect all the necessary evidence.

4 The police _____
because they _____ (*... in a few days ...*).



Witness: This catastrophe hasn't come to an end. It will drain more and more people emotionally.

5 This catastrophe _____
_____ (... *before ...*).



Sue: Will the Fire Services Department review their rescue operation to better equip themselves for the next operation?

6 _____
_____ (... *by ...*)

PART 3 Comparisons between the future tenses

Tenses	Formations	Examples	Time expressions
Simple future: quick decisions, personal belief or predictions	<i>will (not) +</i> base form	now _____ _____ future ▪ <i>I will call later.</i> ▪ <i>I think everything will be fine.</i>	<i>soon, later, someday,</i> <i>tomorrow, next week /</i> <i>month / year</i>
Future continuous: an action in progress in the future	<i>will (not) be +</i> <i>present participle</i>	now _____ _____ future <i>I will be napping at 3 pm tomorrow.</i>	<i>this time tomorrow,</i> <i>in the afternoon, for ...,</i> <i>in ... days / weeks /</i> <i>months</i>
Future perfect: a completed action in the future	<i>will (not) have +</i> <i>past participle</i>	now _____ _____ future <i>I will have called you by the end of today.</i>	<i>by tomorrow / then / the</i> <i>time ... / the end of ...,</i> <i>before, already, in ...</i> <i>days / weeks / months</i>

Error Diagnosis

We cannot change the modal verb *will* in the future perfect tense.

- *I should have bought it by tomorrow.* ✗
- *I will have bought it by tomorrow.* ✓

Should have + past participle expresses regrets.

- *I should have bought it **by now / earlier.*** ✓ (= I did not buy it and now I regret it.)



Exercise 3.1

Complete the sentences with the given phrases. Write the letters (A–F) in the brackets.

- I will make a left turn (B)
- Sean will be working freelance ()
- Ivan will have mistaken my sister for me ()
- John will understand you better ()
- I will decide whether to watch this film ()
- Most investors will have already sold their stocks ()

- before he knows I have a twin sister.
- ~~when the car reaches the crossroads.~~
- when you two have some conversations.
- after watching its trailer.
- for the next few weeks.
- five years from now.



Exercise 3.2

Peter, a pop star, is being interviewed about his career. Complete the interview using the time expressions and the correct form of the given verbs. Use the simple future, future continuous or future perfect tense.

finish become develop still-gather give
motivate work release pursue

before when while
by the time by then

Keep Exploring the Uncharted Realms

Host: Peter, why (1) _____ will you pursue _____ a venture into acting (2) _____ you are a well-known singer? (3) _____ recording your new album (4) _____ you make your acting debut?

Peter: I (5) _____ my album by the time I start working on the film. Besides, I (6) _____ a mini concert during the filming. Debuting as an actor (7) _____ me to become a well-rounded artist. (8) _____ starring in Johnny Yuen's film, I (9) _____ my thoughts for what to do next. Perhaps I (10) _____ interests in film production (11) _____ we finish filming.

Host: (12) _____ as a film director this time next year?

Peter: In that case, I (13) _____ quite versatile (14) _____. What's not to like?



More to take away

What's not to like? (informal) = used to say that you think something is very good, and that nobody could disagree with your opinion

Grammar Wrap-up

Sylvia is reading an informational report. Complete the report using the correct form of the given verbs. Use the simple future, future continuous or future perfect tense.

Planet Vision

Report on Water and Hygiene Crisis



Foreword

In ten years, the number of East Asians living under unsatisfactory sanitary conditions **(1)** _____ will approximate _____ (approximate) to over two billion. By that time, the lack of drinking water or toilet facilities **(2)** _____ (take) the lives of millions of children. The dire consequences are alarming and prompt actions have to be taken.



Worrying conditions in key areas

By the end of the decade,

- millions **(3)** _____ (contract) diseases from poor sanitation given the absence of proper toilets.
- access to safe, piped water supplies **(4)** _____ (remain) a privilege.
- 85% of the rural people in poor East Asian countries **(5)** _____ (still-have) no access to clean water or sewage systems.
- only a minority **(6)** _____ (get) vaccinated against hygiene-related diseases.

Measures to take

Planet Vision (7) _____ (intervene) starting with the first 5-year vision:

- Our volunteers **(8)** _____ (educate) the local teachers for months about the standards of hygiene. These teachers **(9)** _____ (then-tell) their students the rules.
- Our representatives **(10)** _____ (inspect) the water supply systems starting from next month. Therefore, more than half of the children in the area **(11)** _____ (not drink) contaminated water this time next year.

We will adjust our second 5-year vision when we evaluate the above measures.

Conclusion

Planet Vision hopes that we **(12)** _____ (already-curb) the deteriorating trend in ten years' time.



Grammar in Pre-DSE Text Type

Theme: Health and fitness

You are writing a letter to the alumni of the school you work for. Complete the letter using the correct form of the given verbs. Use the future continuous or future perfect tense. Write the letters (A–F) in the spaces provided.

Words by Theme



be build carry out finalise not practise
livestream already-put renovate reopen

Dear Alumni,

Call for support for sports facilities¹

The school swimming pool (1) _____ will be reopening _____ (D). You are cordially invited to witness and celebrate it on 13 July. We (2) _____ on the school's website _____.

Meanwhile, we need your support for the Sports Facilities Fund. For the coming two years, the school (3) _____ all the sports facilities, because all sports facilities (4) _____ _____ (E). Most of the sports teams² (5) _____ as often _____ (F). Your support helps us to further our mission in offering facilities that incorporate leisure³, recreation⁴ and professional training⁵, as well as benefiting our students' health and well-being⁶.

Here is a brief outline of our plan. When we are renovating all existing outdoor⁷ sports facilities (the martial arts garden in particular), we (6) _____ a new sports centre. Zoe Tang, one of our alumni, has agreed to design the new sports centre. It will house all the indoor sports venues (including the space for hockey⁸ and cricket⁹) and existing equipment¹⁰. She (7) _____ the design _____ (G). A contractor (8) _____ the renovation and expansion projects _____ (H). We expect that, two years from now, we (9) _____ the centre to use.

Act now, for the benefit of EIC!

Elite International College



Brain Breaks

An old girl received a letter asking her to make a donation towards the school swimming pool. She sent the school tons of bottled water, thinking that the school must have had enough water by then.



- A. by the end of this year
- B. worn out three years from now
- C. in the next eighteen months from then
- D. in a month after renovation
- E. at that time because of the deteriorating facilities
- F. at around 3 pm when the inauguration ceremony begins


We can talk about future actions in different ways depending on the situations.

- I **think** the supply of fresh food will remain stable. (simple future: what one thinks will happen)
- I **will be cooking** when you **come** home. (future continuous: what will be happening at a specific time)
- Rain **will have stopped** by the time we **head out** for a walk. (future perfect: what will have already happened before another action)

Version 1

You are reading an online announcement about a sports event. Read the announcement and pay attention to the underlined parts.

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Amateur Tennis Championships

On this second week of the fortnight's Amateur Tennis Championships, we, the Association of Tennis Amateurs in Hong Kong (ATAHK), **(1) announce** the details of the more exciting half of the game.

(2) The losing teams from abroad will be departing from Hong Kong before the game will end.

(3) They will have taken photographs with their fans at 11 am next Monday on tennis courts 3 & 4 in the ATAHK Centre. People who are interested have to register via [here](#). **(4) Successful applicants should have received** SMS notifications in two days.

Now that the preliminary round is over, **(5) all further matches take place** on Victoria Park Centre Court. As the quarter-finals are going to be held on Tuesday, **(6) massive crowds will have turned up in the park throughout the day.** We will take precautions to ensure the safety of the spectators.

(7) The association confirms the semi-finals draw only after the quarter-finals end. **(8) We will have held** the first semi-final match at 3 pm on Wednesday. **(9) We should have determined** the exact time of the second match later.

As a final note, we would like to thank ProAqua for sponsoring our games. **(10) The champion and runners-up of our games are enjoying** free ProAqua sports drinks for ten, five and three years respectively. The drinks will keep athletes hydrated and provide them with nutrition.

Version 2

Rewrite the underlined parts in Version 1 based on the instructions and correct the words in bold. Use the simple future, future continuous or future perfect tense.

www.atahk.org.hk/news/tennisgames



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 _____ (... by the end of ...)

(3) _____
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 _____ . As the quarter-finals are

going to be held on Tuesday, **(6)** _____
 _____ . We will take precautions to ensure the safety of the spectators.

(7) _____
 _____ (Before ...)

(8) _____
 _____ **(9)** _____

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