

## Discovering the Future Perfect Continuous

1.- Read these three sentences carefully:

1. By next year, I **will have been living** in this city for ten years.
2. She **will have been working** at the company for five years by December.
3. They **will have been studying** English for two hours when you arrive.

### Reflect:

- What do these sentences have in common?
- When do the actions happen?
- Are the actions finished or still in progress at that future moment?

2.- Look closely at the verbs in each sentence. What form do you see?

All the sentences use this structure:

**will have been + verb-ing**

### Examples:

- will have been living
- will have been working
- will have been studying

### Reflect:

- What verb tense comes after “will have been”?
- Can you think of another sentence using **will have been + verb-ing**? Write one example.

3.- We use the **Future Perfect Continuous** to talk about actions that:

Start **before** a specific time in the future

Continue **until** that future time

Show **how long** the action has been happening

### Examples:

- By 2026, I **will have been studying** at university for four years.
- At 10 p.m., she **will have been working** all day.

### Reflect:

- Is the focus on the result of the action or the **duration** (how long it happens)?

**4.- Now write your own sentence using the Future Perfect Continuous. Follow this structure:**

*By (future time), I will have been (verb-ing) for (length of time).*

Example:

By next month, I **will have been learning** English for three years.

**Reflect:**

- What future time did you choose?
- What action will you still be doing at that moment?

**Write your sentence and check if it follows the pattern.**

## Future Continuous task: Future Lives in Progress

**1.- Complete each sentence using the Future Perfect Continuous tense. Then, explain why this tense is the best choice.**

1. By the time I turn 25, I \_\_\_\_\_ (do what? for how long?).

Explanation: Why is this tense correct here?

2. In two years, my best friend \_\_\_\_\_ (do what?).

Explanation: What is the focus of this sentence — the result or the duration?

3. When you arrive at the party, we \_\_\_\_\_ (do what?).

Explanation: What time is in the future? What will still be happening?

**2.- Now write two original sentences using the Future Perfect Continuous.**

**Choose one sentence about your real life and one imaginative or creative situation.**

1. Real-life sentence:

2. Creative sentence:

For each one, answer:

- What is the future moment?
- What action continues until that time?
- Why did you choose that example?

**3.- Critical Thinking Challenge**

**Situation:**

You are talking to someone who says:

*Why can't I just use the Present Perfect Continuous or Future Simple instead of the Future Perfect Continuous?*

Provide your explanation:

**4.- Write a short explanation (3–4 sentences) to help this person understand the difference and why the Future Perfect Continuous is necessary in some situations.**

You can start like this:

The Future Perfect Continuous is different because...