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Future continuous

The future continuous tense, also known as the future progressive tense, is used to describe actions or events that will be ongoing or in progress at a specific point in the future. This tense is formed using the auxiliary verb "will" plus the infinitive form of the main verb with "-ing" added to it. It emphasizes the duration of an action that will be happening at a particular time in the future.

Form:
Positive: **Subject + will + be + verb (base form + -ing)**
Negative: **Subject + will not (won't) + be + verb (base form + -ing)**
Question: **Will + subject + be + verb (base form + -ing)?**

Usage:
Actions in Progress: The future continuous tense is used to indicate actions that will be in progress at a specific time in the future. It focuses on the ongoing nature of the action. **For example:**

- Tomorrow at 3 PM, **she will be studying** for her exam.

Future Plans and Arrangements: It can also be used to talk about planned activities or arrangements for the future. It implies that the action has already been decided and scheduled. **For example:**

- **They will be attending** a conference next month.

Polite Inquiries and Offers: The future continuous tense can be used to make polite inquiries or offers about someone's future plans. **For example:**

- **Will you be coming** to the party tonight?

Interrupted Actions: In some cases, the future continuous can be used to describe actions that are expected to be interrupted by another action in the future. **For example:**

- **I will be cooking** dinner when you arrive.

Examples:

- She **will be working** on her project all day tomorrow.
- They **won't be playing** football this weekend due to the rain.
- **Will you be attending** the workshop next week?
- **I'll be waiting** for you at the airport when your flight lands.

Note: The future continuous tense is often used in combination with the simple future tense to provide a more complete picture of future actions.
For example:

- While I'm on holiday, **I will be relaxing** on the beach and reading books.



In summary, the future continuous tense is used to describe actions that will be ongoing at a specific future time, to talk about planned activities, and to make polite inquiries about future plans. It emphasizes the continuous nature of an action that will be happening in the future.

Future continuous exercise 1:

Choose the correct answer.

1. When you arrive, they _____ dinner.
a) will cook
b) will be cooking
c) cook

2. He _____ his presentation when you call.
a) will be preparing
b) will preparing
c) will prepare

3. He _____ at the airport when you land.
a) will wait
b) will be waiting
c) waits

4. She _____ a concert at that time.
a) will attend
b) will be attending
c) attends

5. While you _____ shopping, I _____ at home.
a) are / am relaxing
b) will / will relax
c) are / will be relaxing

6. This time next week, I _____ on a plane to Paris.
a) will be sitting
b) will sit
c) am sitting

7. I'm sorry, but I _____ to a meeting at that time.
a) will go
b) will be going
c) go

8. They _____ a movie while you're gone.
a) will watch
b) will be watching
c) watch

9. What _____ you _____ at this time tomorrow?
a) will, doing
b) will, be doing
c) will, be do

10. She _____ her exam at this time tomorrow.
a) will taking
b) will be taking
c) takes

Future continuous exercise 2:

Complete the sentences with the future continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1. This time tomorrow, I _____ **(study)** for my exam.

2. She _____ **(not work)** on that project this time next week.

3. At 5pm, he _____ **(play)** basketball with his friends.

4. While I'm on the train, he _____ **(drive)**.

5. She _____ **(teach)** a dance class at 6 PM.



6. When you arrive, I _____ **(decorate)** the room.

7. He _____ **(not live)** here when you move in.

8. They _____ **(camp)** in the mountains next weekend.

9. At this time next year, I _____ **(start)** a new job.

10. I _____ **(wait)** for your call around lunch time.

Future continuous: answer key

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Where two or more answers are given, any of them is correct.

Exercise 1

1. b) will be cooking
2. a) will be preparing
3. b) will be waiting
4. b) will be attending
5. c) are / will be relaxing
6. a) will be sitting
7. b) will be going
8. b) will be watching
9. b) will, be doing
10. b) will be taking

Exercise 2

1. will be studying / 'll be studying
2. will not be working / won't be working
3. will be playing / 'll be playing
4. will be driving / 'll be driving
5. will be teaching / 'll be teaching
6. will be decorating / 'll be decorating
7. will not be living / won't be living
8. will be camping / 'll be camping
9. will be starting / 'll be starting
10. will be waiting / 'll be waiting

Corrections to the printed pages

Explanation: the future continuous is will be + -ing (will be working).