



The Future Continuous or Future Progressive Tense

The future continuous tense isn't taught very much in English classes but, in fact, English speakers use it a lot. You will sound much more natural if you master this tense. Here's how to make it:

The positive (will + be + verb-ing)

At 10am tomorrow,

- I will be sleeping
- you will be working
- she will be studying
- it will be raining
- he will be cooking
- we will be eating breakfast
- they will be travelling

In the same way as with the future simple, usually we use the short form ('ll be verb-ing) when we are speaking. Sometimes students don't use the short form, because they are not sure how to pronounce it. Here are some examples to help.

- I'll be sleeping
- you'll be working
- she'll be studying
- it'll be raining
- he'll be cooking
- we'll be eating breakfast
- they'll be travelling

The negative (will + not + be + verb-ing)

When John gets home,

- I will not be working (I won't be ...)
- you will not be reading (you won't be ...)
- he will not be cooking (he won't be ...)
- she will not be studying (she won't be ...)
- it will not be snowing (it won't be ...)
- we will not be watching TV (we won't be ...)
- they will not be sleeping (they won't be ...)

As with the positive, we usually use the short form (won't + be + verb-ing) when speaking.

'Yes / no' questions

When you arrive at the party,

- Will I be cooking?
- Will you be dancing?
- Will she be singing?
- Will he be eating?
- Will we be drinking?
- Will it be snowing?
- Will they be talking?

'Wh-' questions

Next weekend,

- What will I be doing?
- Where will you be working?
- How will she be travelling?
- What will he be eating?
- Why will we be studying?
- Why will it be snowing?
- What will they be wearing?