



When should I use the Future Perfect Continuous?

1. Just like with the other perfect continuous tenses, we can use the future perfect continuous to say 'how long' for an action that continues up to another point in the future. The second point can be a time of another action. Generally, we need 'for + length of time' and if we use 'when' or 'by the time', we usually use the present simple.

- In April, she will have been teaching for twelve years.
- By the time you arrive, I'll have been cooking for hours!

In the same way as with the future perfect simple, we often use the future perfect continuous because we like easy numbers. It's also possible to use the present perfect continuous, but then we get a more complicated number.

- I've been working here for 11 months and three weeks. (This is correct, but the time is not an easy number.)
- On Tuesday, I will have been working here for one year. (A much easier number.)

2. We can use the future perfect continuous, like the other perfect continuous tenses, to talk about something that finishes just before another time or action (in this case, in the future). It's often used because there will be a result at the second point in the future. (Again, if we use 'when' we usually need the present simple.)

- When I see you, I'll have been studying, so I'll be tired.