

The Future Continuous Tense

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Welcome to the Future

Your Gateway to Understanding Ongoing Actions

The future continuous tense allows us to express actions that will be in progress at a specific time in the future, enriching our communication and enhancing clarity.

The Importance of Future Continuous

The future continuous tense is essential for expressing ongoing actions at a specific time in the future. It enhances clarity in communication, enabling students to articulate plans, predictions, and polite inquiries effectively.



Key Usage

Understanding Future Continuous Tense Applications

Actions in Progress

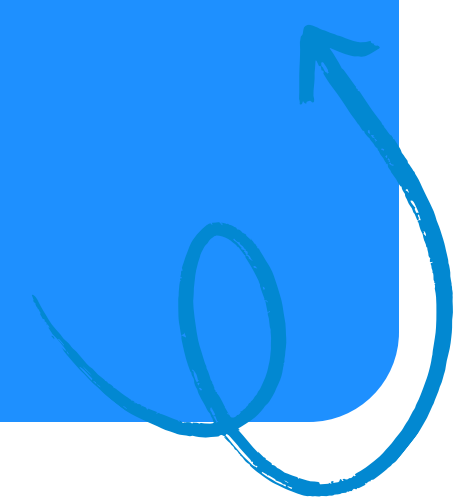
The future continuous tense describes actions **currently ongoing** at a specific point in the future, helping emphasize the duration and ongoing nature of these activities.

Polite Inquiries

This tense is often used for **making polite requests** or inquiries, allowing speakers to ask questions about future actions in a courteous manner.

Ongoing Future Predictions

The future continuous tense can also express predictions about future actions that are expected to be **in progress**, providing clarity about the expected duration of events.

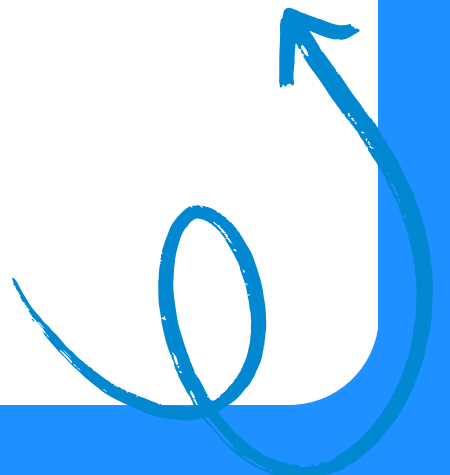


Structure of Future Continuous Tense

FUTURE CONTINUOUS TENSE

+	S + will + be + V-ing (present participle) I will be singing in the concert tomorrow.
—	S + will + not + be + V-ing (present participle) I will not be singing in the concert tomorrow.
?	Will + S + be + V-ing? (present participle) Will you be singing in the concert tomorrow?

Usage	Example
To describe interrupted actions in	When you come tomorrow, they will



Rules for Construction

Understanding the Future Continuous Tense

Basic Structure

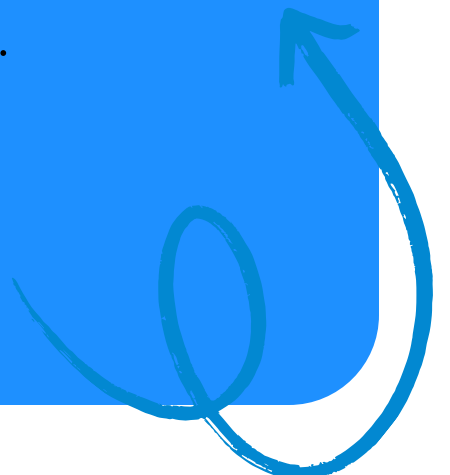
The future continuous tense is formed using the structure: **subject + will be + verb-ing**. This rule enables clear expression of ongoing actions at a specific future time.

Time Expressions

Common time expressions like “at 5 PM tomorrow” and “this time next week” help indicate when the action will take place, enhancing clarity in communication.

Consistency in Usage

It's essential to maintain consistency when using this tense. Remember to apply the correct structure to avoid confusion in your sentences about future ongoing actions.

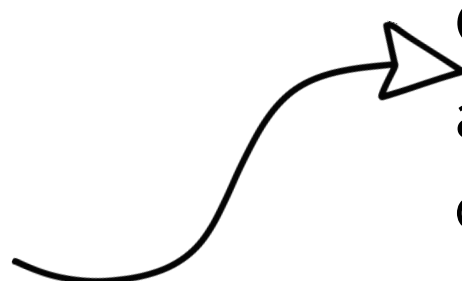


Understanding Simple Future vs. Future Continuous


Many learners confuse the **simple future** with the future continuous tense.

Remember, the future continuous describes actions in progress at a specific future time, enhancing clarity in communication.

Common mistakes



One common error is incorrectly placing the auxiliary verb in a sentence. This can lead to confusion. Remember, the structure must always follow: subject + will be + verb-ing for clarity!



Other common error is forgetting to add the **ing** form of the main verb. This oversight can lead to confusion. Always remember to use the correct verb form to convey ongoing actions clearly.

Let's practice

Conjugate the next verb in future continuous.

1. At this time tomorrow we (fly) to New York.
2. At 9 o'clock, the baby (sleep/still) .
3. Lilly and Neil are on their way to California. They (surf) this time tomorrow.
4. I (give) a speech at my friend's wedding on Friday at seven.
5. You (watch/probably) TV when I get home.

Create interrogative questions in future continuous.

1. (What/you/do) tomorrow evening?
2. (How many people/drink) beer at the party?
3. (Jane/play) the piano at the performance?
4. (Who/deal) with the press release?
5. (Where/you/stay) when you're in Dublin?



Answers



First part.

1. 1-At this time tomorrow we (*fly*) will be flying to New York.
2. At 9 o'clock, the baby (*sleep/still*) will still be sleeping.
3. Lilly and Neil are on their way to California. They (*surf*) will be surfing this time tomorrow.
4. I (*give*) will be giving a speech at my friend's wedding on Friday at seven.
5. You (*watch/probably*) will probably be watching TV when I get home

Second part

1. (*What/you/do*) What will you be doing tomorrow evening?
2. (*How many people/drink*) How many people will be drinking beer at the party?
3. (*Jane/play*) Will Jane be playing the piano at the performance?
4. (*Who/deal*) Who will be dealing with the press release?
5. (*Where/you/stay*) Where will you be staying when you're in Dublin?

