



## The Future Tense

### Definition

The future tense is used to describe an action or state that will occur in the future.

**There are four forms of the future tense:**

1. Simple Future Tense
2. Future Continuous Tense
3. Future Perfect Tense
4. Future Perfect Continuous Tense

### Simple Future Tense

#### Formation

- **Positive:** Subject + will/shall + base verb

**Example:** I shall jump.

- **Question:** Will/Shall + subject + base verb?

**Example:** Will he jump?

- **Negative:** Subject + will/shall not + base verb

**Example:** He will not jump.

#### Usage of "will"

- **Certainty:** The metro will remain closed tomorrow.
- **Speaker's opinion:** I don't think I'll go out.
- **Offering help:** I'll cook dinner for you.
- **Promise:** I'll be there for you.
- **Prediction:** I think our school will be off in December.

- **Requests:** Will you please get me some sugar?

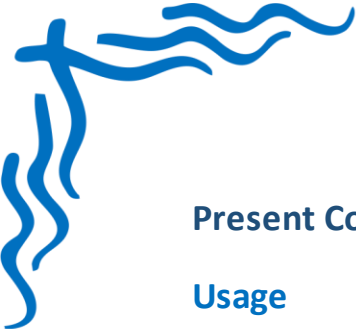
#### "Going to" Form

#### Usage

- **Planned actions:** We are going to have dinner tomorrow.
- **Prediction with evidence:** It is going to rain.

#### Will vs Going to

- "Will" = decision made at the moment of speaking.
- "Going to" = decision or intention made earlier.
  - **Example:** He is going to buy a car. (pre-decided)
  - **Example:** He will buy a car. (decided now)



## Present Continuous for Future Meaning

### Usage

Used when a future action is already arranged or decided.

#### Examples:

- What are you doing on Sunday evening?
- We are going shopping later this afternoon.

## Future Continuous Tense

### Formation

- **Positive:** Subject + will/shall be + verb-ing

**Example:** I shall be walking.

- **Question:** Will/Shall + subject + be + verb-ing?

**Example:** Will they be walking?

- **Negative:** Subject + will/shall not be + verb-ing

**Example:** They will not be walking.

### Usage

- To describe an action in progress at a future time

**Example:** At 10 a.m., my father will be leaving.

- To describe an action certain to happen

**Example:** Neha will be joining her job.

## Future Perfect Tense

### Formation

- **Positive:** Subject + will/shall have + past participle

**Example:** I shall have eaten.

- **Question:** Will/Shall + subject + have + past participle?

**Example:** Will they have eaten?

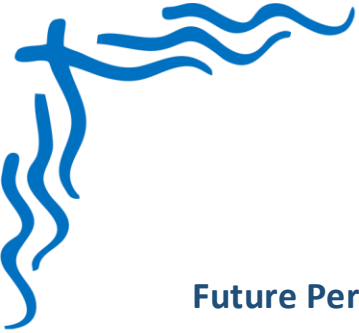
- **Negative:** Subject + will/shall not have + past participle

**Example:** They will not have eaten.

### Usage

- To describe an action that will be completed in the future

**Example:** I shall have finished my project by 9 o'clock.



## Future Perfect Continuous Tense

### Formation

- **Positive:** Subject + will/shall have been + verb-ing

**Example:** I shall have been playing.

- **Question:** Will/Shall + subject + have been + verb-ing?

**Example:** Will they have been playing?

- **Negative:** Subject + will/shall not have been + verb-ing

### Important Points to Remember

- Future Tense talks about future actions or states.
- It includes four forms:
  - Simple Future
  - Future Continuous
  - Future Perfect
  - Future Perfect Continuous

**Example:** I shall not have been playing.

### Usage

- Action that will start before, continue up to, and possibly go beyond a point in future

**Example:** She will have been waiting by the time we get there.