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Use

We use the future perfect simple to talk about an activity that will be finished by a specific time in the future.

They'll have finished building the bridge by next January.

We use the future continuous to talk about an activity that will be in progress at a specific time in the future.

This time next week I'll be flying to Rome.

Form

Future perfect simple: we use *will + have/has + past participle*.

I'll have finished my homework in an hour.

Future continuous: we use *will + be + the -ing form of the verb*.

In an hour, I'll be getting ready to go out.

1 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the future perfect simple or the future continuous.

- 1 This time next week we (ski) in the French Alps.
- 2 Greg is taking a year off to travel. By the end of next year he (visit) seven countries.
- 3 'What will you be doing this time tomorrow?'
'I (take) my English exam.'
- 4 Don't come round at six o'clock. I (still / do) my homework.
If you want to come round at seven, you can.
I (finish) it by then.
- 5 Jill has accepted a job abroad. This time next month she (work) in Paris.
- 6 Next year, I (live) in this house for ten years.

2 Complete the text. Use the correct form of the future perfect simple or future continuous.

What ¹..... we (do) in a hundred years' time? According to NASA Scientists we ²..... (travel) in outer space. By the twenty-second century man ³..... (develop) a quick way of getting to the stars, and the first long-distance spaceships ⁴..... (leave) Earth.

However, these spaceships won't be the first to explore outer space. Other spaceships ⁵..... (already / voyage) into the unknown. In fact, the first unmanned ship, Pioneer 10, was launched in 1972. Pioneer 10 will be in space for thousands of years, and in 32,000 years' time it will pass a star called Ross 248. By the time Pioneer 10 gets there, man ⁶..... (already / reach) Ross 248 and ⁷..... (colonize) the planets around it. What ⁸..... these humans (do) when Pioneer 10 passes by? Will they remember that it was the first spaceship to venture into outer space?

3 Complete the sentences with your own ideas.

- 1 This time tomorrow I'll be
- 2 By next weekend I'll have
- 3 In six months' time I'll be
- 4 By the end of this year I'll have
- 5 In three years' time I'll be