

will be doing and will have done

A Study this example situation:

These people are standing in a queue to get into the cinema.



now

Half an hour from now, the cinema will be full. Everyone **will be watching** the film.



half an hour from now

Three hours from now, the cinema will be empty. The film **will have finished**. Everyone **will have gone** home.



three hours from now

B I **will be doing** something (*future continuous*) = I will be in the middle of doing it:

- This time next week I'll be on holiday. I'll **be lying** on the beach or **swimming** in the sea.
- You have no chance of getting the job. You'll **be wasting** your time if you apply.

Compare **will be (do)ing** and **will (do)**:

- Don't phone between 7 and 8. We'll **be eating**.
- Let's wait for Liz to arrive and then we'll **eat**.

Compare:

- At 10 o'clock yesterday, Tina **was** in her office. She **was working**. (*past continuous*)
- It's 10 o'clock now. She **is** in her office. She **is working**. (*present continuous*)
- At 10 o'clock tomorrow, she **will be** in her office. She **will be working**. (*future continuous*)

C We also use **will be -ing** to talk about complete actions in the future. For example:

- The government **will be making** a statement about the crisis later today.
- Later in the programme, I'll **be talking** to the Minister of Education.
- The team's star player is injured and **won't be playing** in the game on Saturday.

Later in the programme, I'll be talking to ...



When we use it in this way, **will be (doing)** is similar to **will (do)** and **going to (do)**.

D I **will have done** something (*future perfect*) = it will be complete before a time in the future. For example:

- Sally always leaves for work at 8.30 in the morning. She won't be at home at 9 o'clock – she'll **have gone** to work.
- We're late. The film **will already have started** by the time we get to the cinema.

Compare:

- Ted and Amy **have been** married for 24 years. (*present perfect*)
- Next year they **will have been** married for 25 years. (*future perfect*)
- When their son was born, they **had been** married for three years. (*past perfect*)

Exercises

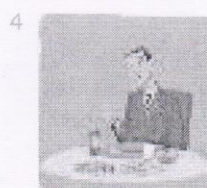
24.1 Read about Andy. Then tick (✓) the sentences which are true. In each group of sentences at least one is true.

Andy goes to work every day. He leaves home at 8 o'clock and arrives at work at about 8.45. He starts work immediately and continues until 12.30 when he has lunch (which takes about half an hour). He starts work again at 1.15 and goes home at exactly 4.30. Every day he follows the same routine and tomorrow will be no exception.



At 7.45

- a he'll be leaving the house
- b he'll have left the house
- c he'll be at home ✓
- d he'll be having breakfast ✓



At 12.45

- a he'll have lunch
- b he'll be having lunch
- c he'll have finished his lunch
- d he'll have started his lunch



At 8.15

- a he'll be leaving the house
- b he'll have left the house
- c he'll have arrived at work
- d he'll be arriving at work



At 4 o'clock

- a he'll have finished work
- b he'll finish work
- c he'll be working
- d he won't have finished work



At 9.15

- a he'll be working
- b he'll start work
- c he'll have started work
- d he'll be arriving at work



At 4.45

- a he'll leave work
- b he'll be leaving work
- c he'll have left work
- d he'll have arrived home

24.2 Complete the sentences. Choose from the box.

- 1 There's an election next week. Who will you be voting for?
- 2 I'll shopping later. Can I get you anything?
- 3 Emily is not well, so she volleyball tomorrow.
- 4 Little Emma school soon. She's growing up fast.
- 5 The match is on TV tonight. Will you it?
- 6 What in your new job? The same as before?
- 7 I to the wedding. I'll be away on holiday.
- 8 Please fasten your seat belts. The plane in ten minutes.

be watching
will be landing
won't be playing
will be starting
will you be voting
won't be going
be going
will you be doing

24.3 Put the verb into the correct form, **will be (do)ing** or **will have (done)**.

- 1 Don't phone between 7 and 8. We'll be eating then. (we / eat)
- 2 Tomorrow afternoon we're going to play tennis from 3 o'clock until 4.30. So at 4 o'clock, tennis. (we / play)
- 3 Sarah will meet you at the station. for you when you arrive. (she / wait)
- 4 The meeting starts at 9.30 and won't last longer than an hour. You can be sure that by 11 o'clock. (it / finish)
- 5 Do you think in the same place in ten years' time? (you / still / live)
- 6 Lisa is travelling in Europe and so far she has travelled about 1,000 miles. By the end of the trip, more than 3,000 miles. (she / travel)
- 7 If you need to contact me, at the Lion Hotel until Friday. (I / stay)
- 8 Ben is on holiday and is spending his money very quickly. If he continues like this, all his money before the end of his holiday. (he / spend)
- 9 I'm fed up with my job. I hope it much longer. (I / not / do)

A Study this example:

Amy is on a train. She's calling a friend.

I'll call you again later **when I arrive**.



'I'll call you again later when I arrive' is a sentence with two parts:

the main part: I'll call you again later
and **when** ...: when I arrive

The time is *future* ('later'), but Amy says:
... **when I arrive** (*not* when I will arrive)

We say

when I do something (*not* will do)
when something **happens** (*not* will happen)

Some more examples:

- We'll go out **when it stops** raining. (*not* when it will stop)
- When you are** here again, you must come and see us. (*not* When you will be)
- Don't forget to lock the door **when you go** out. (*not* will go)

The same thing happens after **while / before / after / as soon as / until**:

- What are you going to do **while I'm** away? (*not* while I will be)
- Before you go**, there's something I want to ask you.
- Wait here **until I come** back. *or* ... **till I come** back.

B You can also use the *present perfect* (**have done**) after **when / after / until / as soon as**:

- Can I have the newspaper **when you've finished** with it?
- Don't say anything while Ian is here. Wait **until he has gone**.

We use the present perfect to show that one thing is complete *before* the other. The two things do *not* happen together:

- When I've phoned** Kate, we can go out.
(= first I'll phone Kate and *after that* we can go out)

Do not use the present perfect if the two things happen together:

- When I phone** Kate, I'll ask her about the party. (*not* when I've phoned)

It is often possible to use either the present simple or the present perfect:

- I'll come **as soon as I finish**. *or* I'll come **as soon as I've finished**.
- You'll feel better **after you have** something to eat. *or* You'll feel better **after you've had** something to eat.

C **if and when**

After **if**, we normally use the present (**if I do / if I see** etc.) for the future:

- I'll be angry **if it happens** again. (*not* if it will happen)
- Hurry up! **If we don't** hurry, we'll be late.

We use **if** (*not* when) for things that will *possibly* happen (or not happen):

- If** it is raining this evening, I won't go out. (*not* when it is raining)
- Don't worry **if I'm** late tonight. (*not* when I'm late)
- If** they don't come soon, I'm not going to wait for them.

We use **when** for things which are *sure* to happen. Compare:

- I might go out later. (*it's possible*) **If** I go out, I'll get some bread.
- I'm going out later. (*for sure*) **When** I go out, I'll get some bread.

Exercises

25.1 Which is correct?

- 1 Don't forget to lock the door when you go out / ~~you'll go out~~. (you go out is correct)
- 2 As soon as we get any more information, we let / ~~we'll let~~ you know.
- 3 I want to get to the cinema before the film starts / ~~will start~~.
- 4 Don't drive through a red light. Wait until it changes / ~~it will change~~ to green.
- 5 Sarah will be here soon. I make / ~~I'll make~~ some coffee when she comes.
- 6 I'm 20 now. I wonder where I'll be when I'm 40 / ~~I'll be 40~~.
- 7 I wait / ~~I'll wait~~ for you until you're ready, but don't be long.
- 8 Oliver is five years old. He wants to be a TV presenter when he grows up / ~~he'll grow up~~.
- 9 We could meet for coffee tomorrow morning if you're / ~~you will be~~ free.
- 10 If the weather is / ~~will be~~ nice tomorrow, we're going to the beach.
- 11 Vicky is / ~~will be~~ very disappointed if she doesn't get a place at university.
- 12 You'll feel better after you've had / ~~you'll have~~ something to eat.

25.2 Complete the sentences using the verbs in brackets. Use **will/won't** or the present (see/plays/are etc.).

- 1 When you are (you / be) here again, you must come and see us.
- 2 I want to see Sophie before (she / go) away next week.
- 3 Call me when (you / know) what time you're going to get here.
- 4 There's no need to hurry. (I / wait) for you until
..... (you / be) ready.
- 5 I'm going out for about an hour. (you / still / be) here when
..... (I / get) back?
- 6 I think everything will be fine, but if (there / be) any problems,
..... (I / let) you know, OK?
- 7 Kate looks completely different now. (you / not / recognise)
her when (you / see) her again.
- 8 I'm going to be away for a few days. If (you / need) to contact me
while (I / be) away, you can call me.

25.3 Read the situations and complete the sentences.

- 1 You and a friend want to go out, but it's raining hard. You don't want to get wet.
You say: Let's wait until it stops raining
- 2 You're visiting a friend. It's going to get dark soon, and you want to leave before that.
You ask: I'd better go now before
- 3 You want to sell your car. Mark is interested in buying it, but he hasn't decided yet.
You ask: Let me know as soon as
- 4 Your friends are going to Hong Kong soon. You want to know where they're going to stay.
You ask: Where are you going to stay when
- 5 The traffic is bad in your town, but they are going to build a new road.
You say: I think things will be better when they
- 6 Someone you know has been very rude to you. You want her to apologise.
You say (to someone else): I won't speak to her until

25.4 Put in **when** or **if**.

- 1 Don't worry if I'm late tonight.
- 2 Be careful. You'll hurt yourself you fall.
- 3 I'm going shopping. you want anything, I can get it for you.
- 4 I'm going away for a few days. I'll call you I get back.
- 5 I don't see you tomorrow, when will I see you again?
- 6 I'm watching a programme on TV right now. it finishes, I'm going to bed.
- 7 We can eat at home or, you prefer, we can go to a restaurant.
- 8 I hope Sarah can come to the party. It will be a shame she can't come.