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Future perfect continuous: form

Is a verb tense that describes actions that will continue up until a point in the future.

We use *will/shall* + *have* + *been* + the *-ing* form of the verb.

We use *shall* only for future time reference with *I* and *we*.

Shall is more formal and less common than *will*.

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When we describe an action in the future perfect continuous tense, we are projecting ourselves forward in time and looking back at the duration of that activity. The activity will have begun sometime in the past, present, or in the future, and is expected to continue in the future.

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Examples

In November, I will have been working at my company for three years.

At five o'clock, I will have been waiting for thirty minutes.

When I turn thirty, I will have been playing piano for twenty-one years.

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Non Action Verbs Do Not Use the Future Perfect Continuous

Remember that nonaction verbs like **to be**, **to seem**, or **to know** are not suited to the future perfect continuous tense. Instead, these verbs take the future perfect tense, which is formed with **will + have + past** participle.

Incorrect On Thursday, I **will have been knowing** you for a week.

Correct On Thursday, I **will have known** you for a week.

Incorrect I **will have been reading** forty-five books by Christmas.

Correct I **will have read** forty-five books by Christmas.

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