

Activity Type

Grammar Exercises: gap-fill, sentence completion

Speaking Activity: asking and answering questions from prompts, freer practice (pair work)

Focus

Future continuous

Aim

To learn and practice how to form and use the future continuous tense.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two-page worksheet for each student.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

This future continuous worksheet helps students to learn and practice how to form and use the future continuous tense.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

Students begin by looking at two future continuous sentences and answering questions about their grammar.

Exercise A - Answer key

1. be
2. the continuous form (verb+ing)

The students then do a gap-fill exercise where they complete a text with words that make up the future continuous structure.

Exercise B - Answer key

1. won't
2. will
3. be
4. be
5. cooking
6. won't
7. will
8. feeling

Next, the students complete each sentence with the verb in brackets in the future continuous using the positive or negative form as appropriate.

Exercise C - Answer key

1. will be having
2. won't be going
3. won't be cooking
4. will you be staying
5. won't be singing
6. will be getting
7. will be taking
8. won't be serving

After that, the students complete sentences with verbs from a box in the future continuous.

Exercise D - Answer key

1. will be wearing
2. will be coming
3. will be arriving
4. will be eating
5. will be closing
6. will be sleeping
7. will be getting
8. will be baking
9. will be using
10. will be sitting
11. won't be buying
12. will be taking
13. will be climbing
14. won't be having

Lastly, the students use the future continuous to complete sentences with true information about what they will be doing at the times shown. Then, they pair up with another student and write sentences, guessing what they think their partner will be doing at the same times. The students then ask their partner what they will be doing at those times. For each correct guess, students score a point. The student with the most points wins.

The future continuous tense is used to talk about actions in progress at a certain time in the future. Look at the two examples of future continuous sentences below and answer the questions.

This time tomorrow, we **will be eating** dinner with friends.

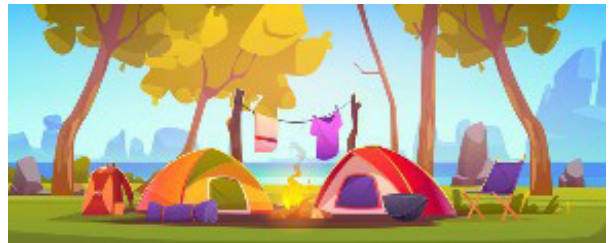
I **won't be studying** on Saturday.

1. Which verb always follows *will* or *won't* in the future continuous?
2. What form does the main verb have in the future continuous?

B. Complete the paragraph using the words below.

feeling cooking be (x2) won't (x2) will (x2)

Every year, my family and I go on holiday to Spain. This year, however, we (1) be staying in a hotel like we usually do. Instead, we (2) be camping, and sleeping in tents near the sea. It won't be as comfortable as staying in a hotel, but there is a beach nearby, so I will (3) spending my days swimming in the sea, sunbathing, and learning to surf. In order to save money, we won't (4) going to restaurants. Instead, we will be (5) all our meals over a fire and washing our dishes at the campsite. My parents want to stay in Spain all summer, so we (6)..... be returning until the end of August. After two months of camping, I (7) be looking forward to sleeping in a bed even though I will be (8) sad that the summer is over, and that it is time to go back to school.



C. Complete each sentence with the verb in brackets in the future continuous tense using the positive or negative form as appropriate.

1. It's my birthday soon. I (have) a big party.
2. We (go) to school tomorrow because it's a holiday.
3. I (cook) dinner tonight because the oven is broken.
4. Where (you / stay) when you go to London?
5. I (sing) in the concert because I have a sore throat.
6. The kids (get) hungry soon. It's nearly their dinner time.
7. I don't like walking alone at night. I (take) a taxi home.
8. I have vegans coming for dinner tonight, so I (serve) any meat.

D. Complete the sentences below with the verbs in the box in the future continuous.

take	get	wear	come	eat	not / have	sit
arrive	climb	bake	sleep	close	use	not / buy

1. It's Halloween tomorrow, so the children costumes to school.
2. Sally to the cinema with us tonight if she can find a babysitter.
3. The guests soon. You'd better get ready.
4. It's a lovely evening, so we dinner in the garden.
5. The bar soon. Hurry up and finish your drink.
6. Please don't call before 7 a.m. I
7. He proposed to her last night. They married next March.
8. It's Kai's birthday next week. I him a chocolate cake.
9. We are going to a Japanese restaurant for dinner, so we chopsticks.
10. They in the front row at the theatre tonight.
11. I have no money. I anyone any Christmas presents this year.
12. Sam lots of photos when he buys his new camera.
13. When we visit Africa in the spring, we Mt Kilimanjaro.
14. We a picnic tomorrow because the weather forecast is awful.

E. Use the future continuous to complete the sentences with true information about what you will be doing at the times shown. Then, pair up and write sentences, guessing what you think your partner will be doing at the same times.

1. After the lesson, I
I think my partner
2. At 8 p.m. this evening, I
I think my partner
3. On Saturday night, I
I think my partner
4. For dinner today, I
I think my partner

F. Now, ask your partner what they will be doing at each of the times above. Award yourself one point for each correct guess.