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## The Future Tense (2)

### I. The Future Continuous:

It is formed with : Shall/will+be+Ving.

It is used to express a future activity, beginning before and finishing after sometime in the future. (e.g., What will you be doing this tomorrow? I will be writing some letters.

-It is also used to indicate future plans that have already been decided (e.g., That committee will be meeting again next week. )

-The Future continuous is sometimes used instead of simple future to express casualness, or a chance action not by design. (Will you be going to Casa next week? If so, perhaps I will send a parcel. (the use of will= request)

### II. The future Perfect Tense Will /Shall +have +Past participle:

It is used to indicated:

1. An action that will be completed before certain time or another action in the future. The state it brings about will still exist at that time or at the time of that action . So the future perfect bears the same relation to a future moment as the present perfect to present or past perfect to simple past. This tense is often associated with the preposition by and the phrase by the time.

#### Examples:

It is now nine o'clock, I shall have finished the Spoken English quiz by eleven

It will have been too late by the time you make up your mind.

2. Duration up to a time in the future :

By next June we will have been together for nine months.

3. Possibility, assumption:

It 's midnight, they have gone to sleep by now.

### III. THE Future Perfect Continuous Tense:

It is used to express the durational of an action up to a certain time in the future:

On the May 1<sup>st</sup> ., we shall have been living in Rabat exactly fifteen years.

In another month's time I will have been going to school for twenty years?

#### Exercise:

Complete the following sentences using "will" or "shall" and explaining in each case why you have chosen one or the other. Point out what kind of future is expressed in each sentence.

1. I (be)..... Twenty on Friday.
2. you ( help).....me with this exercise ? Certainly, I .....
3. All members (sign).....the book on joining the club.
4. He (never, marry).....my daughter.
5. Tell him that I (never speak) .....to him again.
6. He.....(take) the unnecessary risks when he is driving.
7. He has made up his mind that he (succeed) .....this time.
8. We (leave).....London on Friday if all goes well.
9. Tomorrow's weather (be).....cold and cloudy.
10. If we take the 2 O'clock train , we (be) .....in Oxford at 2: 30.
11. That is very heavy , I (help).....you carry and perhaps Max (help).....too.

12. I (see) .....Max on Friday.

13. By Saturday, I (speak).....to everyone involved. Next week Max (go)..... back to England.

14. I (repair).....your bicycle when I have finished.

15. It 's five o'clock, they (arrive)..... home by now.

16. On June 15<sup>th</sup> my cousin and his wife (be married).....for twenty two years.

17. the taxi (arrive).....by the time you (finish).....dressing.