

Pre-Lesson Comprehension

Target Language: *future progressive tense*

Focus: After this lesson, you will be able to use the *future progressive tense* to talk about ongoing actions in the future.

Read and understand the target language below.

We use the **future progressive tense** to talk about an ongoing action or event in the future. The structure for the **future progressive** is: **will / won't + be + present participle (verb -ing)**. For example:

- I **will be relaxing** on a beach by this time tomorrow.
- Humankind **will be living** on other planets in 200 or 300 years.
- Unfortunately, Vivian **won't be visiting** us for the holidays. The airfare is too expensive.
- He **won't be working** at his company after next week. He got laid off.

For the **future progressive**, we can also use: **be going to + be + present participle (verb -ing)**.

- I **am going to be relaxing** on a beach by this time tomorrow.
- Humankind **is going to be living** on other planets in 200 or 300 years.
- Unfortunately, Vivian **isn't going to be visiting** us for the holidays. The airfare is too expensive.
- He **isn't going to be working** at his company after next week. He got laid off.

For questions, we use the following structures:

Closed Questions: **will / won't + subject + be + present participle (verb -ing)**

Q: **Will** all of the students **be showing** their projects to the class?

A: Yes, all of the students **will be showing** their projects.

No, only some of the students **will be showing** their projects.

Open Questions: **wh-question + will + subject + be + present participle (verb -ing)**

Q: **What will** you **be doing** ten years from now?

A: That's a good question. I think I **will be living** in another country.

Here is a more advanced point!

We can use a time clause with the **future progressive tense**. However, the clause doesn't use the future tense.

- My son will be sleeping **when I get home tonight**.
- She will be living overseas **after she graduates from university**.
- **By the time you read this letter**, I will be getting on a plane for South America.

Pre-Lesson Practice

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Practice: Now try some activities to help you use the target language.

Complete the positive statements with the future progressive tense.

- 1: I'm so excited! I **(get on)** *will be getting on* on a plane this time tomorrow!
- 2: They **(study)** _____ for the final test all weekend. They won't be able to come.
- 3: Most likely, my kids **(watch)** _____ TV when I get home tonight.
- 4: Nina **(teach)** _____ the future progressive in tomorrow's class.

Complete the negative statements with the future progressive tense.

- 5: Claudia **(graduate)** _____ anytime soon. She failed her courses again.
- 6: Barbara **(do)** _____ anything. Let's give her a call.
- 7: Sam **(work)** _____ here anymore. He was fired for stealing!
- 8: We **(live)** _____ on other planets in the near future. It's just impossible!

Now complete the questions with the future progressive tense.

- 9: **(take)** _____ you _____ any vacation time during the summer?
- 10: In the distant future, **(live)** _____ aliens _____ with humans on Earth?
- 11: What **(do)** _____ you _____ five years from now?
- 12: Who **(teach)** _____ the new English course this fall?

Answers

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Complete the positive statements with the future progressive tense.

- 1: I'm so excited! I **will be getting** on a plane this time tomorrow!
- 2: They **will be studying** for the final test all weekend. They won't be able to come.
- 3: Most likely, my kids **will be watching** TV when I get home tonight.
- 4: Nina **will be teaching** the future progressive in tomorrow's class.

Complete the negative statements with the future progressive tense.

- 5: Claudia **won't be graduating** anytime soon. She failed her courses again.
- 6: Barbara **won't be doing** anything. Let's give her a call.
- 7: Sam **won't be working** here anymore. He was fired for stealing!
- 8: We **won't be living** on other planets in the near future. It's just impossible!

Now complete the questions with the future progressive tense.

- 9: **Will** you **be taking** any vacation time during the summer?
- 10: In this distant future, **will** aliens **be living** with humans on Earth?
- 11: What **will** you **be doing** five years from now?
- 12: Who **will be teaching** the new English course this fall?