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The **Future Perfect** tense is used to talk about an event or action that **will be finished** before a **certain event or time in future**:

- *They **will have built** the house (the house will be ready) by February. ('by' here means 'before')*

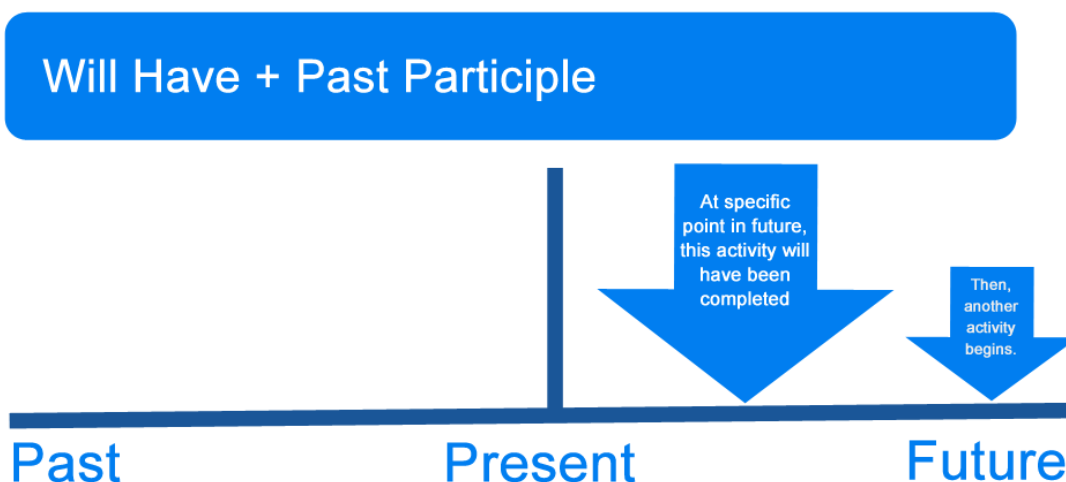
Meaning

The Future Perfect tense indicates actions that are complete, or finished. These actions have not yet occurred but will occur and be finished in the future.

- *Jack **will have read** all his books by next month.*

Here's an illustration of what the Future Perfect means.

Future Perfect Tense



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- *The next time you see me, I'll **have had** a haircut.*
- *We are late! The play **will have started** by the time we get to the stadium.*

When to use Future Perfect

The Future Perfect tense is only for actions that will be completed before a specified point in the future. In other words, the action you're talking about must have a **deadline**. This deadline may be expressed either as a *point in time* or *another action*.



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- *By the time you finish dinner, I **will have finished** dessert.*
- *By this time tomorrow, he **will have run** the race.*

Future Perfect structure

To make the **Future Perfect**, use:

will have + the Past Participle

*Note: For regular verbs, this is the “-ed” form of the verb. For the list of **Past Participle** forms of **irregular verbs** see the article about [irregular verbs](#).*

Singular

Plural

*I **will have ('ll have) finished** We'll have finished*

You'll have finished You'll have finished

He/she/it 'll have finished They'll have finished

- *When he leaves, they **will have finished** the movie.*
- *I **will have been** here for six months on June 23rd.*

Negative forms

To make a negative form of Future Perfect, just insert '**not**' between 'will' and 'have' (you can also use 'won't').

- *We **will not have eaten** breakfast before we get to the airport tomorrow morning.*
- *You **won't have finished** your report by this time next week.*

Questions

To ask a question in Future Perfect, just swap 'will' and the subject of the sentence:

will + [subject] + have + the Past Participle

- ***Will** you **have eaten** when I pick you up?*
- ***Will** they **have finished** decorating the float before the parade?*

Check out this video from Learn English on Skype containing a simple explanation of Future Perfect:

See also:

[Present Perfect: Statements](#)

[Future Perfect Continuous Tense](#)

[Future Perfect Passive](#)