

EXPRESS CHECK

Complete these sentences with the verb **drive**. Use one word for each gap.

- By June, I'll have been _____ my new car for a year.
- I'll have _____ 10,000 miles by then.

Grammar Explanations

1. When we use the **future perfect**, we imagine a certain point of time in the future, and we look back at events that will be completed by that time.



Use **by + time expression** to identify the point in time in the future.

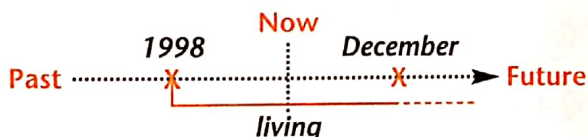
Use **already** to emphasise that an event will have happened by a point in time.

Examples

- By June, he **will have paid** his debt.
- We **won't have saved** enough by then.

- **By June**, she'll have bought a car.
- She'll have looked at a lot of cars **by then**.
- By May, he'll have **already saved** £1,000.

2. When we use the **future perfect continuous**, we imagine a certain point in the future and we look back on things already in progress.



The **future perfect continuous** focuses on *how long* and often includes the length of time.

REMEMBER! Stative verbs are not usually used in the progressive.

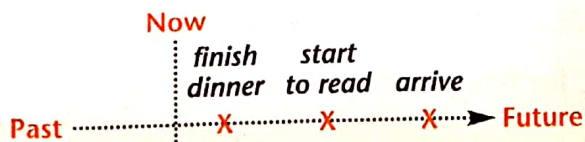
- We moved here in 1998. By next December we **will have been living** here for several years.
- We're moving to Paris next year. By 2009, we **will have been living** there for several years and it should feel like home.

- You'll have been speaking French **for ten years** by then.
- By May, he'll have owned his car for a year. NOT he'll have been owning his car...

3. Use the future perfect or the future perfect continuous **with the present simple** to show the order of events:

FIRST EVENT: future perfect (continuous)

SECOND EVENT: present simple



- By the time you **arrive**, I'll have finished dinner. NOT By the time you will arrive, I'll have finished dinner.
- By the time you **arrive**, I'll have been reading for an hour.

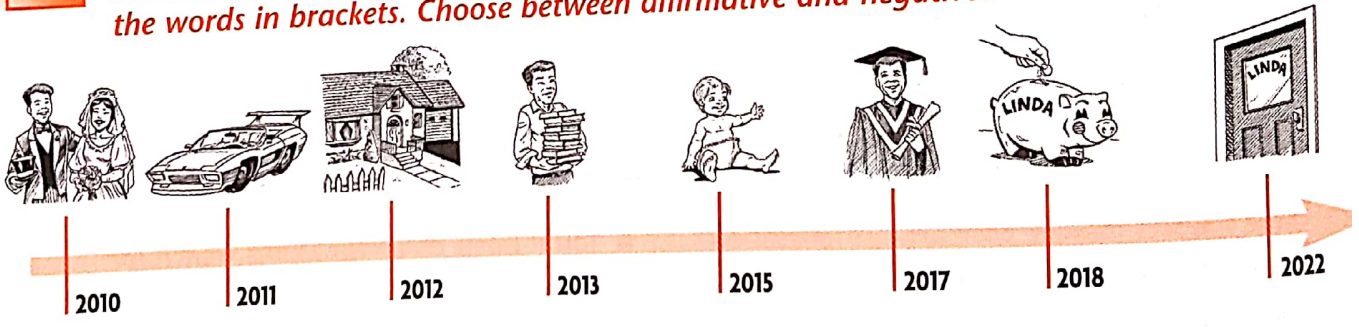
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TRUE OR FALSE • Read each numbered sentence. Write T (True) or F (False) in the space provided. Write the word *True* or *False* in the space provided.

1. By this time tomorrow, I'll have decided which car to buy.
 ___ T ___ I haven't decided yet which car I'm going to buy.
2. We'll have finished the shopping by the time you get home.
 ___ You will get home while we are shopping.
3. By next year, Mary will have been working at the school for five years.
 ___ Next year, Mary can celebrate her fifth anniversary at the school.
4. By ten o'clock, she won't have finished marking books.
 ___ She will finish marking books at ten o'clock.
5. We will have moved to a larger office by the year 2015.
 ___ We will move to a larger office after the year 2015.
6. By next year, we'll have been publishing the newsletter for fifteen years.
 ___ We started the newsletter less than fifteen years ago.

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COMPLETE • Look at the time line and complete the sentences about Tom and Linda's future accomplishments. Use the future perfect or the future perfect continuous form of the words in brackets. Choose between affirmative and negative.



1. By 2012, they _____ 'll have bought _____ a new car.
 (buy)
2. By 2015, they _____ 'll have been living _____ in their own house for three years.
 (live)
3. By Steve's first birthday, Tom _____ .
 (graduate)
4. By 2017, Tom _____ at university for four years.
 (study)
5. By 2019, they _____ another car.
 (buy)
6. They _____ their old car for eight years by then.
 (drive)
7. By 2020, Linda _____ her business.
 (open)
8. They _____ for two years by 2020.
 (save)
9. By retirement, the couple _____ a lot.
 (accomplish)

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COMPLETE • Read Linda Leonard's (LL) interview with Teenage Couples Magazine (TC). Complete the interview with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the continuous form when possible. Use **already** when appropriate.

TC: You two are amazing! By the time you _____ get _____ married, you _____ 'll have already planned _____ your whole life together!

1. (get)

2. (plan)

LL: Well, we've been going out together since school. By the time we _____ graduate _____ from university, we _____ think _____ about our marriage for a long time.

3. (graduate)

4. (think)

TC: When Steve _____ be born _____, Tom _____ not graduate _____ from university. How will you manage with Tom still studying?

5. (be born)

6. (not graduate)

LL: It won't be easy but we've got a plan. Tom _____ finish _____ most of his courses by then. He'll stay home with the baby during the day and go to evening classes.

7. (finish)

TC: By the time you _____ celebrate _____ your tenth wedding anniversary, you _____ not start _____ your business. You have a lot of patience.

8. (celebrate)

9. (not start)

LL: Not really. I _____ get _____ years of practice in my job by then. When I _____ open _____ the doors of Linda Ltd,

10. (get)

11. (open)

I _____ become _____ a very experienced web page designer.

12. (become)

TC: Well, good luck to you and thanks for the interview.

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EDIT • Read this diary entry. Find and correct six mistakes in the use of the future perfect and the future perfect progressive. The first mistake has already been corrected.

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By August I'll ~~be~~ a secretary for ten years. And I'll earn almost the same salary for three years! That's why I've made a New Year's resolution to go back to college this year. First, I'm going to write for college magazines and start saving for tuition. By March, I'll have work out how much tuition will cost. Then I'll start applying. By summer, I had received acceptance letters. In August, I'll talk to my boss about working part-time and going to college part-time. By that time, I'll have saved already enough to pay for a term's tuition. By next New Year's Day, I'll have been study for a whole term!