**The Future Continuous (*will be doing*)**

* This time next month, we **will be having** exams. (=in the middle of doing it) **Action in progress**
* Tomorrow at 9 o’clock, I **will be studying** oral expression. **in the future and after it**
* At midnight tonight, we **will be** still **driving** through the desert **we project ourselves**.
* I **will be sleeping** when you come back. **the future continuous (longer) action is interrupted**
* He **will be waiting** for you when the bus arrives. **by a shorter action in the future**
* I **will be writing** to you again. (= I always write to you, so I’ll do it again, as usual) **a routine, not an**
* **Will** you **be driving** to work, as usual? **intention/decision/plan**
* The shop will be closed. We **will not be working. future planned event/decision/arrangement**
* Anna **will be helping** us to organize the party.
* She will be performing every day until the end of the month **(part of a schedule)**
* I **am going to be studying** and he **is going to be making** dinner.→ **both actions will be happening at the same**

**time. The actions are parallel.**

→ We can often use either the **future continuous** or the **present continuous** when we talk about planned activities or events in the future.

* We **will be leaving/ are leaving** for Istanbul at 7.00 in the evening.
* Professor Hodge **will be giving/ is giving** the first presentation at the conference.

**BUT** we prefer the present continuous to talk about surprising or unexpected activities or events:

* Have you heard the news? Dr. Radford **is leaving**! (rather than...**will be leaving**.)

**Practice:** **Put the verbs in brackets into the appropriate future form, using the future simple (will) or the future continuous.**

1. There is going to be a bus strike. Everyone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(walk) to work next week.
2. You've just missed the last train!

Never mind, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(walk).

1. I'll ring you tomorrow at six.

No, don't ring at six; I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(bath) the baby then.

1. You \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(have) something to drink, won't you?
2. Notice on board ship: In the event of an emergency all passengers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(assemble) on the boat deck.
3. I don't feel well enough to go to the station to meet him.

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(meet) him for you. But how I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(recognize) him?

He's small and fair, and he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (wear) a black and white school cap.

1. Wages have gone up, so I suppose prices \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go up) too.
2. We'll be in the same firm, but we\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not work) together, because we'll be in different departments.
3. This time next Monday I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(sit) in a Paris cafe reading Le Figaro.

You \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(not read). You'll be looking at all the passers-by.