**The Future Perfect Continuous ( *will have been doing*)**

* For activities that will continue until a point of time in the future and will not be completed. The emphasis is on the **length** of time of an action.
* Next year I **will have been working** in the company for 30 years.
* On Saturday, we **will have been living** in this house for a year.
* Something will already have happened before a certain time in the future.
* When you arrive, we **will have been sitting** in the classroom all day. (*the class finishes at 5 and you will arrive at 6)*

**FUTURE PERFECT SIMPLE Vs. FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS**

* To refer to a number of individual actions that were repeated. → For incomplete, uninterrupted activities.

When I am sixty, I **will have built** more than fifty houses. When I am sixty, I **will have been building** houses

(**fifty individual actions**) for thirty years. (**one incomplete activity**)

**Let’s practice**: **Use the future perfect or the future perfect continuous**. (English Grammar in Use, page 31)

**1**. Simon started to learn Spanish when he was 25. When He's 40, he (learn) ……………………….. Spanish for 15 years.

**2**. I started writing this book 3 years ago next month. By next month, I (write) ……………………………….200 pages.

**3**. I'm going to paint the front door today. I'll finish it before you get back. When you get back, I (decorate) ………………………………………..….. the house.

**Diagnostic Test : Write the correct form of the verbs in brackets to complete the sentence. Use the appropriate future tense (will, going to, future perfect/continuous/perfect continuous, simple present, present continuous)** (Longman Advanced Learners’ Grammar, p. 13)

* 1. ‘Have you booked a holiday yet for this year?’ ‘Yes, we (take).. **are taking**… a cruise around the Caribbean in November.’
	2. I have taken the 10.40 to Bristol every Friday for three years and it is always half empty. Believe me, you (find) ………………….. a seat.
	3. My father is approaching retirement age, so he (probably/sell) …………………………..the business next year.
	4. Going by all the recent polls, the social democrats ( win) …………………………. Next week’s election by a huge majority.
	5. I am going on holiday tomorrow. This time next Tuesday afternoonI (ski) …………………….. down a mountain!
	6. At our next wedding anniversary we (be married) ………………………………… for twenty-five years.
	7. Your driving test is next Tuesday, so (we/have)…………………………… a two-hour session on Monday.
	8. The plane (take off) ………………… at 10. 45, so we had better check in by 8.45.
	9. The decorator will not finish the work until you (pay) …………………… him what you owe.
	10. I wouldn't walk across that old bridge if I were you. It looks like it (collapse)…………………………. .
	11. The next meeting of the committee (be) ………………………. on November 5th.
	12. After you go another 50metres, you (see) ……………………….a path to your left.