



FUTURE PERFECT

LEARNING OBJECTIVE:

In this video students will gain a greater understanding of the future perfect tense and its practical use when constructing sentences.

The future perfect is used to describe two future actions. One future action will happen before the other future action. The actions are **not** related to each other. This tense is not common but is used and so it's important to know how and when to use is. In a future perfect tense sentence the first verb (earlier than the other) is in the future perfect and the second (furthest in the future) is in the simple present.

See diagram below:

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Structure	<p>Present</p> <p>Example: My wife will have eaten her dinner by the time I arrive home tonight.</p>
How it's used	Will plus (+) Have plus (+) a past participle
The difference	One future action will happen before the second future action.

Here the example is: My wife **WILL HAVE EATEN** her dinner by the time I arrive home tonight. "Will have" is the future of "have" and "will have **eaten**" is the past participle of the verb to eat.

Eat – Ate – Eaten.

Practice examples 3

Which of these sentences are "Future perfect?"

1. Steve had run in many marathons by the time he wa 40 years old.
2. John went to the cinema last night.
3. Bill will have played golf for over twenty years by next December.
4. Did you play football last Saturday?

5. John and Bill have played football together for the last five years.
6. Renata will have lived in France for five years when she gets her visa.

The answers to these questions can be found in the downloadable document "Answers to questions"