

## Grammar - Future Perfect

**Point 1:** The future perfect tense discusses an ongoing action in the future that will finish before a specified time.

1. The game will have ended by the time I get home.
2. The sun will have set by the time we get to the beach.
3. We will have worked here three years next spring.

**Point 2:** The future perfect uses the following pattern:  
will + have + past participle.

1. Bob will have left already by the time we arrive.
2. The movie will have ended long before the game starts.
3. The train will have departed by the time we get there.

**Point 3:** In spoken English, the modal 'will' is often contracted or reduced. The auxiliary verb 'have' is heavily reduced.

1. They'll have left already by the time we arrive.
2. The movie will have ended long before the game starts.
3. The train will have departed by the time we get there.

Note: **'Have'** sounds like **'of'** when spoken naturally in this tense.

**Point 4:** The pattern usually is followed by time clauses or phrases with 'by the time' or 'before', which can start the sentence.

1. By the time I graduate, I'll have spent 30,000 dollars on my education.
2. By this time next year, she'll have visited.
3. Before you retire, you'll have helped millions of people.
4. Prior to your retirement, you'll have earned thousands of dollars.

## Future Perfect

Watch videos using **the future perfect** in four conversations.

Conversation 1 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

**Man:** So, how long have you been married?

**Woman:** This October it **will have been** 20 years.

**Man:** Nice. You got me beat by a few years.

**Woman:** Really? How long have you been married?

**Man:** Let's see. I **'ll have been married** 18 years next week.

**Woman:** Oh, that's coming up. Happy anniversary.

### Conversation 2 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

**Woman:** Can I use your car tomorrow?

**Man:** Sure. What time do you need it?

**Woman:** Around 6:00 in the evening.

**Man:** Okay. I need to run errands in the afternoon, but **I should have finished** by then.

**Woman:** Are you sure that's enough time?

**Man:** Yeah. Plenty of time. I need to run errands in the afternoon, but I **'ll have finished** by then.

### Conversation 3 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

**Man:** How long have you been working here?

**Woman:** I **'ll have been working** here 20 years this coming ay.

**Man:** Really? 20 years.

**Woman:** Yeah. Time flies.

**Man:** So, you think you'll be here another 20 years?

**Woman:** Not a chance. I **'ll have retired** by then.

### Conversation 4 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

**Woman:** When do you get paid next?

**Man:** I get paid next Tuesday, and it could not come soon enough.

**Woman:** Really? Are you running low on cash?

**Man:** Yeah. I'm down to my last 100 bucks.

**Woman:** Oh, that should last you.

**Man:** Are you kidding? I **'ll have spent** that by Sunday for sure.

## Quiz

*Answer these questions about the interview.*

1) Who has been married for longer?

a) The man

**b) The woman**

c) They do not say.

2) When will the man do the errands?

- a) **Before lending the car**
- b) While lending the car
- c) After lending the car

3) For how long will the woman eventually work there?

- a) Less than 20 years
- b) **Less than 40 years**
- c) More than 40 years

4) What will happen by Sunday?

- a) He will have been paid.
- b) **He will have spent his money.**
- c) He will have saved some money.