

## Grammar - Future Perfect in the Past

**Point 1:** The future perfect past discusses an action in question that has likely been completed.

1. **Is Beth at the office?**  
She'll have left by now.
2. **Is the movie still playing?**  
The movie will have ended by now.
3. **Is the game on TV?**  
It will have finished by now.

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

1. The meeting will have ended by now.
2. Everyone at the party will have left by now.
3. The milk will have expired by now.

**Point 3:** The tense often uses the phrase 'by now'.

1. **Is Susan still working on the project?**  
She will have finished by now.
2. **Is Joe still working out in the gym?**  
He will have finished by now.

**Point 4:** The modal 'will' is often contracted or reduced, and the auxiliary is heavily reduced in spoken English.

1. It'll have finished by now.
2. She'll have finished by now.
3. He'll have finished by now.

**Point 5:** The future perfect in the past - **will** vs. **would**

There are two ways to say this form related to the past. Both 'will' and 'would' can be spoken, but 'will' is easier to say so more common.

- **He will have left by now.**
- He would have left by now.
- **The game will have finished by now.**
- The game would have finished by now.

# Future Perfect in the Past

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

## Conversation 1 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

**Woman:** Oh no, I forgot my handouts.

**Man:** Should I call Sue at the office to bring them?

**Woman:** No. She **'ll have left** by now.

**Man:** What about David?

**Woman:** No. He **'ll have already clocked out**, too.

**Man:** Oh no. So what should we do?

**Woman:** We'll have to do without them, I guess.

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

**Woman:** Want to go get some pizza?

**Man:** I think it's too late.

**Woman:** No, I think City Pizza is still open.

**Man:** No, it **will have closed** by now.

**Woman:** Are you sure?

**Man:** Yeah, I am positive. They closed at 10.

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

**Man:** Where is Susan?

**Woman:** She went to the movies.

**Man:** Bummer. I want her to call her.

**Woman:** Well the movie started at five, so we **'ll have finished** by now.

**Man:** Yeah, I guess I really need to ask her something.

**Woman:** Yeah, give her a call.

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

**Woman:** Where's Joe?

**Man:** He went to the gym to work out.

**Woman:** Oh. Maybe I can go work out with him.

**Man:** I think he **'ll have finished** by now.

**Woman:** Yeah, probably.

**Man:** Maybe next time.

## Quiz

*Answer these questions about the interview.*

1) Who will have left by now?

- a) Just Sue
- b) Just David
- c) Both of them**

2) Why do they decide not to eat pizza?

- a) It will have gotten cold.
- b) It will have been eaten.
- c) The restaurant will have been closed.**

3) Why should the man call Susan?

- a) The movie will have started.
- b) The movie will have ended.**
- c) The movie will have sold out.

4) Why does the woman decide not to work out with Joe?

- a) He will have finished by then.**
- b) The gym will have closed by then.
- c) He will have started already.