

3.2 Grammar

Future forms

I can use a variety of forms to talk about the future.

- 1 Rewrite the sentences in the negative. Then think about your life three years from now and decide which alternative is more likely.

In three years' time:

- 1 I'll **have moved** to another part of the country.
I **won't have moved** to another part of the country.
 - 2 I'll **have been studying** at university for a year.
 - 3 I'll **still be living** at home with my parents.
 - 4 I'll **have saved up** enough money to go travelling.
 - 5 I'll **have been driving** for over a year.
 - 6 I'll **be sailing** across the Pacific Ocean with my family.
- 2 In pairs, read the GRAMMAR FOCUS and follow the instructions.
 - 1 Translate example sentences 1–3 into your own language.
 - 2 Discuss the difference in meaning between each sentence.
 - 3 Look at Exercise 1 and name the future verb forms in blue.

GRAMMAR FOCUS

Future forms

- You use the **Future Continuous** to talk about unfinished actions in progress at a time in the future. It often refers to future events that are fixed or expected.

¹At 11 a.m. tomorrow, I'll **be doing** an exam.

- You use the **Future Perfect Simple** to talk about an action that will be completed before a certain time in the future.

²By 11 a.m. tomorrow, I'll **have done** an exam.

- You use the **Future Perfect Continuous** to talk about how long an action will have been in progress before a certain time in the future. The form is: **will + have been + -ing form**.

³By 11 a.m. tomorrow, I'll **have been doing** an exam for an hour.

- 3 Read Part 1 of an article. For each gap, choose from options A–D. Then discuss the questions below in pairs.

A 'll B be C been D have

- 1 What problems do the children predict?
- 2 Which child seems most positive about the voyage?



THE VOYAGE OF A LIFETIME

In a few weeks' time, the Franklin family will ¹ _____ embarking on a three-year sailing voyage. We asked the children how they felt about the adventure. Billy, fifteen, said, 'We'll ² _____ missing a lot of school, but I think that by the end of this trip we'll ³ _____ learnt more than in a classroom. We'll have ⁴ _____ travelling for three years and we ⁵ _____ have seen places with our own eyes. We won't ⁶ _____ just read about them in books.'

Mandy, twelve, had a few worries: 'The worst thing is that I'll ⁷ _____ spending three years in a small space with my untidy brothers.'

Finally, Jake, seventeen, was less keen than his younger brother: 'By the time we go, I'll have ⁸ _____ playing basketball for my school for seven years, and I want to be a professional. I'll ⁹ _____ practising whenever I can, but it's not easy on a boat.'

- 4 Complete Part 2 of the article with the Future Continuous, Future Perfect Simple or Future Perfect Continuous form of the verbs in brackets. Would you like to go on a voyage like this? Why?/ Why not?

Eileen Franklin told us, 'We're not in a hurry, so after leaving San Francisco we ¹ _____ (travel) down the coast of Mexico for a few weeks. After that we ² _____ (sail) across the Pacific and we ³ _____ (end) our journey in Indonesia. It's a long voyage, but by the time we leave, we ⁴ _____ (plan) for several years, so I think we're as prepared as we can be.'

'Yes,' added Bob. 'And by the time we set off, we ⁵ _____ (do) everything possible to make this a safe trip: Mandy ⁶ _____ (learn) how to swim and Eileen ⁷ _____ (do) an advanced first aid course. On the boat, we ⁸ _____ (use) top-of-the-range technology to chart our route. It's the trip of a lifetime, so we ⁹ _____ (not take) any chances!'

- 5 Read REMEMBER THIS. Then rewrite the questions in the Future Continuous to make them more polite.

REMEMBER THIS

You can also use the **Future Continuous** to make polite enquiries. Compare:

Will you be staying in tonight? = I just want to know. (polite)

Are you going to stay in tonight? = I'd like a decision. (more direct)

- 1 Are you going home straight after school?
 - 2 Are you doing anything interesting this evening?
 - 3 Who do you plan to see at the weekend?
 - 4 When will you go on your next holiday?
 - 5 Are you going to have a party for your 18th birthday?
 - 6 Do you think you'll leave home permanently before you're 25?
- 6 In pairs, ask and answer the rewritten questions in Exercise 5.