

English Grammar

STUDY NOTES

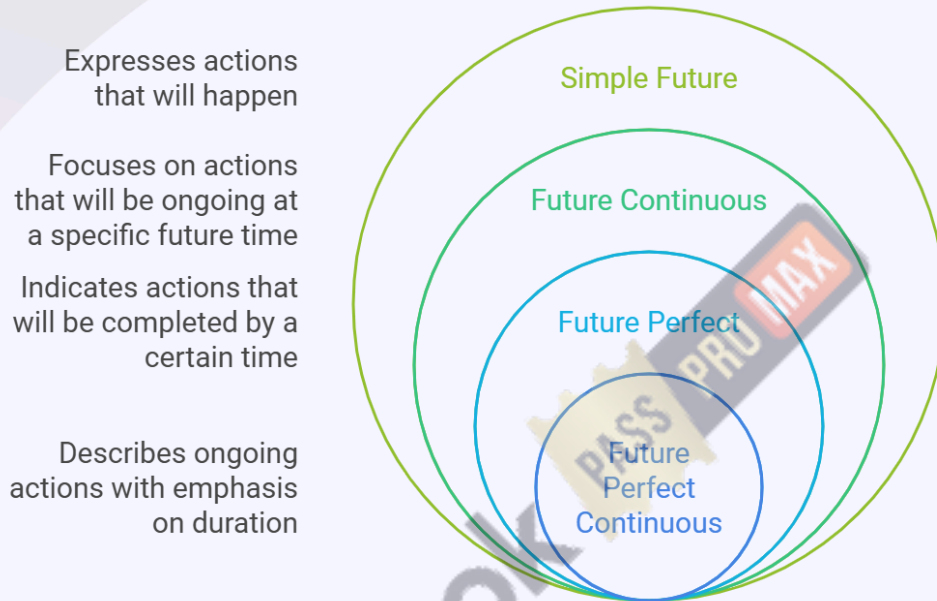
Tense (III)



3. Future Tense

The future tense projects actions that will occur later. The four forms include:

Hierarchy of Future Tenses



Expresses actions that will happen

Focuses on actions that will be ongoing at a specific future time

Indicates actions that will be completed by a certain time

Describes ongoing actions with emphasis on duration

Simple Future

- **Structure:** Subject + will/shall + V¹ + object

Examples:

She **will read** the book tomorrow.

I **shall go** on Monday.

- **Use of Will/Shall:**

First person (I, we)	Shall
Second person (You)	Will
Third person (he, she, it, they, any name)	Will

NOTE: When any action will surely happen in the future or the speaker is talking about a promise, oath or determination, we use **Will** for first person and **Shall** for second and third person.

- **Uses:**

i) It is used for a habitual action that will take place in the future or any regular event.

Examples:

Tomorrow **will be** Sunday.

Manish **will arrive** at 11 o'clock.

ii) We use this tense when we ask something.

Examples:

Will you pass the pen to me?

Will you lend me 500 rupees, please?

iii) It is used to make offers or suggestions

Examples:

Shall we go to lunch together? (suggestion)

Shall I make doughnuts for you? (offer)

iv) It is used for conditional sentences.

Examples:

We **will inform** the recruiter if you submit the details.

If you exercise daily, you **will get** well soon.

Future Continuous

- **Structure:** Subject + will/shall + be + verb + ing + object

Examples:

She **will be reading** at 8 PM.

I **shall be** dancing tonight.

- **Uses:**

i) It is used to express an action that will be in progress in the future.

Examples:

They **will be using** my car during vacation.
We **shall be singing** a song at a weekend party.

ii) We also use it to express something that will happen in the near future.

Examples:

The board **will be announcing** the result soon.

The committee **will be reviewing** the proposal by the end of the month.

Future Perfect

- **Structure:** Subject + will/shall + have + past participle (V³) + object

Examples:

She **will have read** the book by tomorrow.

They **will have eaten** their dinner.

- **Use:**

The future perfect tense is used to express an action which will have completed before a point in time in the future.

Examples:

I **shall have informed** you before Sunday.

He **will have confirmed** their contract deal after Monday.

Future Perfect Continuous

- **Structure:** Subject + will/shall + have been + V⁴ + object + since/for + time.

Examples:

She **will have been reading** a book for two hours.

We **shall have been waiting** for the concert since Thursday.

- **Use:**

We use this to express an action that will start before a definite moment in the future, will continue till that moment and will be in progress at that moment.

Examples:

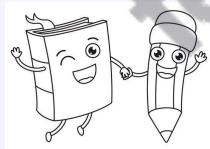
They **will have been** completing their homework for two hours.

He **will have been** leaving Delhi for two years.

Summary

Mastering advanced tense uses involves not just recognising the structures but understanding how they interact with time. Each tense has a specific relationship with when an action starts, whether it continues, and whether it is linked to another event or point in time.

Simple present Simple past Simple future		X X Will/shall	V ¹ /V ⁵ V ² V ¹		X	X
Present continuous Past continuous Future continuous		is/am/are was/were will/shall be	V ⁴		X	X
Present perfect Past perfect Future perfect	Subject	have/has had will/shall+have	V ³	Object	X	X
Present perfect continuous Past perfect continuous Future perfect continuous		have/has been had been will/shall+have been	V ⁴		since /for	Time



LET'S PRACTICE

1. Find the suitable tense form of the following:

- a. I had finished my work before he arrived.
- b. I have been living here since 2015.
- c. She will be leaving tomorrow.
- d. He plays football every weekend.

Solutions:

- a) Past Perfect
- b) Present Perfect Continuous
- c) Future imperfect
- d) Simple Present

2. Fill in the blanks (do yourself):

i) The train _____ (leave) before we reached the station.

- a) had left
- b) has left
- c) left
- d) will leave

ii) By the time she arrives, they _____ (finish) their work.

- a) will finish
- b) will have finished
- c) had finished
- d) are finishing

iii) He _____ (work) here for the last two years.

- a) is working
- b) has been working
- c) was working
- d) will be working

iv) I _____ (live) in Delhi since I was a child.

- a) have lived
- b) lived
- c) am living
- d) had lived

v) By next month, I _____ (complete) my training program.

- a) have completed
- b) will have completed
- c) am completing
- d) will complete

vi) She usually _____ (wake up) early in the morning.

- a) wakes up
- b) is waking up
- c) has woken up
- d) will wake up

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