

The Future Tense

Quick Questions!

1. What are you going to do today after school?
2. What will you have for dinner tonight?
3. Do you think artificial intelligence is going to outsmart human beings one day?
4. Predict three things about next week.

What tense did you use to answer these questions?

Answer: the Future Tense



Uses of the Future Tense

1. **To denote an action that we believe will take place or will be going on at some point in the future.**

   - I will visit my aunt on Sunday.
   - They shall play a round of poker soon.
   - Rohan will be living in Paris next year.
   - My cat will be waking up soon.



Uses of the Future Tense

2. To denote the completion of an action by a certain time in the future, or an action that will be in progress over a period of time in the future.

- By the end of this year, I shall have been contributing to this NGO for over two years.
- I hope by next year my Christmas tree will have grown enough to touch the ceiling.
- The test papers will have been checked by the next class.
- The Chopras will have returned by tomorrow night.



The Four Forms of the Future Tense

Simple Future Tense	I will learn swimming.
Future Continuous Tense	They will be visiting us on Sunday.
Future Perfect Tense	The travellers will have returned by night.
Future Perfect Continuous Tense	I will have been living in the new house for six months in July.



Simple Future Tense

We always use the simple future tense to refer to an action that we believe will happen in the future.

- We **will draw** a picture in art class tomorrow.
- I **shall call** you tomorrow.
- I **will go** to the library at 5'o clock.

Going-to form of the Simple Future Tense:
We use **going to** to express an intention or a scheduled event in the future.
Form: is/am/are + going to + root form of the verb.
Example: I am going to watch a movie tomorrow.

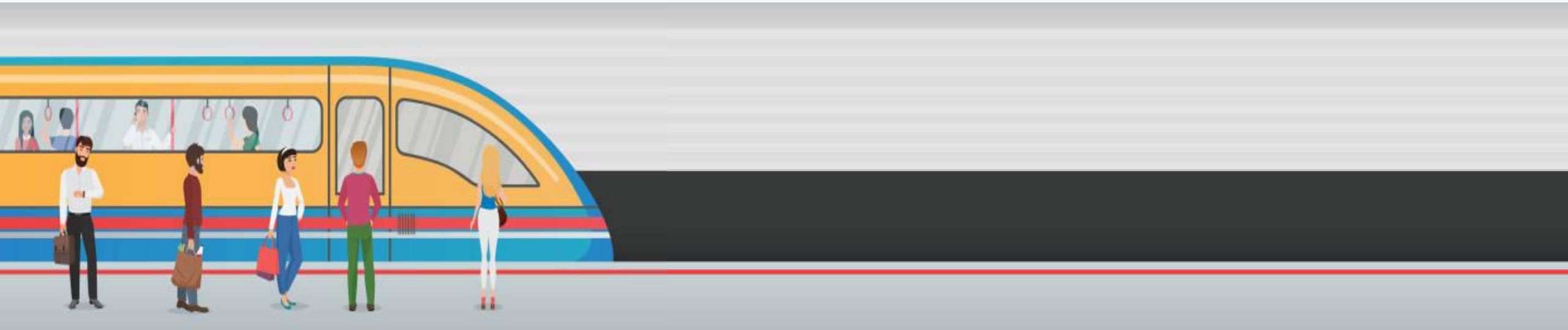


Future Continuous Tense

We always use the future continuous tense to denote an action that will be going on at some point of time in the future.

Form:
will/shall + be + -ing form of the verb.

- The passengers will be waiting when the train arrives.
- Mother will be reaching home by 9 p.m.



Future Perfect Tense

We always use the future perfect tense to denote the completion of an action by a certain time in the future.

Form:

will/shall + have + past participle form of the verb.

- The potter will have completed making the pots by evening.
- The magician will have finished his show by the time you reach the auditorium.



Future Perfect Continuous Tense

We always use future perfect continuous tense to denote an action that will be in progress over a period of time in the future.

Form:
will/shall + have been + -ing form of the verb.

- I will have been maintaining a journal for over three years in March.
- They will have been living in their new house for seven months in April.



Your Turn to Try

Fill in the blanks with the suitable form of future tense.

1. My daughters _____ (learn) karate by the end of the year.
2. The architect _____ (submit) the plans by tomorrow night.
3. We _____ (go) for a picnic next Sunday.
4. When you come back from school, your cousins _____ (leave).
5. The teacher _____ (decorate) the classrooms when the students reach.