

Future Perfect

- **Function**

- The future perfect is a verb tense used for actions that will be completed between now and some point in the future:

By the time you read this I will have left.

You will have finished your report by this time next week

- Sometimes when we use this tense we are projecting ourselves forward into the future and looking back at an action that will be completed sometime later than now:

My parents will have been married for forty years on June 23rd.

- **The Future Perfect Formula**

The formula for the future perfect tense is pretty simple: **will have + [past participle]**. It doesn't matter if the subject of your sentence is singular or plural. The formula doesn't change.

- **How to make the Future Perfect Negative**

Making a negative future perfect construction is easy! Just insert **not** between **will** and **have**.

Example: We **will not have eaten** breakfast before we get to the airport tomorrow morning.

You can also use the contraction **won't** in the place of **will not**.

Example: They **won't have** finished decorating the float before the parade.

- **How to Ask a Question**

The formula for asking a question in the future perfect tense is **will + [subject] + have + [past participle]**.

Example: **Will you have eaten** lunch already when we arrive? **Will they have finished** decorating the float before the parade?

- **Prepositions that Often Go with the Future Perfect**

By this time next week, Linda will have left for her trip.

Chester will not have arrived **by the time** the parade is over.

Three days **from now**, we will have finished our project.

My sister will have cleaned the bathroom **before** the party.