

6 Reasons to Use Future Perfect in English

will have (will've / 'll've) + past participle (3rd form)

positive: I **will have** (will've / 'll've) **made** lunch by the time you get home.
negative: I **will not have** (won't've) **made** lunch by the time you get home.
question: **Will you have** (you've) **made** lunch by the time I get home? / Yes, I **will** (have). / No, I **won't** (have).

1. To talk about actions in the future that will be **completed** at an undetermined time **before** another future time:

I think some fans **will have left** **before** the end of the match.

Future Perfect is sometimes called 'past in the future' because we use it to imagine both the **past** and the **future**:

Future Time 1 (time of completion not specified):
Fran **will have run** five miles

Future Time 2:
by nine o'clock.

The action in *Future Time 1* – run – will be past by the time *Future Time 2* occurs. We imagine the **past in the future** – the completion of an action / time before a later future time. It emphasises the **completion** of an activity before a **deadline**. The time when the earlier action will be complete is not specified, because it is either unknown or unimportant. **Typical contexts** when it is used include:

<i>making appointments:</i>	Yes, I will've finished my meeting when you call at twelve.	when + verb phrase
<i>scheduling travel plans:</i>	Jason will have landed at JFK by Tuesday lunchtime.	by + time
<i>making arrangements:</i>	You'll have had lunch, won't you, so let's leave at about two.	- [time is known]
<i>predicting the weather:</i>	It will have stopped raining by then , so we can go for a walk.	by then

2. To talk about **future schedules**:

I won't have had time to read the report until two o'clock.	until + time / until then
Will you have arrived at the office before the boss gets in?	before + verb phrase
All our business partners will have received their information packs by that point.	by that point / stage
On Wednesday the project will have already been delivered to the company.	on + day / already
Lars will've finished his report as soon as / once you stop distracting him!	as soon as / once
We feel quite sure that your book will've been published by March.	by + day / date / month, etc.
Call me at six, 'cause I will have had my phone off for most of the day.	for + time / all...

3. To plan **travel arrangements**:

If they leave here at nine, the bus will have gone by the time they get there.	by the time + verb phrase
No, the boat won't have sailed at eight o'clock , so you have plenty of time.	at + time
The boys believe they will have reached the mountain top by tomorrow.	by tomorrow
I think the plane will have probably landed in twenty minutes.	in + number + minutes, days, etc.
Yes, Sue believes that, due to the traffic, she won't have got there on time.	on time

4. With **adverbs** and **modal verbs** of **probability**:

Dad should have definitely watched the match.	definitely
Pat could have certainly achieved a good grade in English.	certainly
Tania might have probably made a cake for the party.	probably
They may have possibly stopped at Waitrose.	possibly

5. To give **reasons** and **excuses**:

I can't meet you at 9pm because I will have worked from / since early morning.	from / since + time
George won't have got home till 8.30pm , so he won't be able to play badminton.	till + time
She will have been too busy to help sell vegetables on March 1st.	on + date
Cecily won't have had time to pick up a takeaway prior to our arrival.	prior to + time
I'm not sure I will have finished harvesting the crops in August.	in + month / season

6. To talk about **life milestones** / **anniversaries**:

Next week she will have lived in Bulgaria for two months.	next week / month / year, etc.
By 2024 we will've been married for eleven years.	by + year
As of Friday , Jackie will have worked here for eight years.	as of + day, date, etc.
This time next week they will have known each other for ten years.	this time next week / month, etc.
By that time , Wendy and Chazz will have been engaged for two months.	by that / this / the stated time
I worry that we still won't have completed our home renovation.	still [in negative sentences]