

Future Continuous - Structure

How do we make the future continuous tense in English?

Note: This is also called the **future progressive** tense.

Positive form

Use the **future simple of be** and then the **verb-ing form**.

Full form	Short form
I will be playing	I'll be playing
you will be playing	you'll be playing
he will be playing	he'll be playing
she will be playing	she'll be playing
it will be playing	it'll be playing
we will be playing	we'll be playing
they will be playing	they'll be playing

For example:

- I **will be studying** at 10 pm tonight.
- Christina **will be working** all day tomorrow. (she will be working)
- We'll **be sitting** on a beach this time next week.

Some notes on short forms:

1. We usually contract **will** with personal pronouns in speaking and informal writing: I'll, you'll, he'll, etc.
2. We usually contract **will** with the words **that**, **this**, **those** and **these** in speaking, and sometimes in informal writing: that'll, those'll etc.
3. We often contract **will** with nouns and other words in speaking, but not in writing. For example, we do **not** usually write: ~~John'll~~, ~~the dog'll~~, ~~nobody'll~~, etc.
4. We do **not** usually contract verbs in writing if we have a compound subject: ~~John and I'll~~.

Negative form

Put **not** after **will**.

Full form	Short forms	
I will not be playing	I won't be playing	*I'll not be playing
you will not be playing	you won't be playing	you'll not be playing
he will not be playing	he won't be playing	he'll not be playing
she will not be playing	she won't be playing	she'll not be playing
it will not be playing	it won't be playing	it'll not be playing
we will not be playing	we won't be playing	we'll not be playing
they will not be playing	they won't be playing	they'll not be playing

*The structure in the third column is sometimes used in British English, but it is rarely used in other varieties of English. When used in other varieties, it sounds quite formal.

For example:

- I **won't be attending** the meeting.
- He **will not be playing** basketball this Friday.
- They'll **not be staying** at our house tonight.

Question forms

Invert the subject and **will**, and then put a question word (**what, who**, etc.) at the beginning for wh- questions.

Yes/No questions	
	Will I be playing ?
	Will you be playing ?
	Will he be playing ?
	Will she be playing ?
	Will it be playing ?
	Will we be playing ?
	Will they be playing ?

Wh- questions	
What Who Where When Why How etc.	will I be playing ?
	will you be playing ?
	will he be playing ?
	will she be playing ?
	will it be playing ?
	will we be playing ?
	will they be playing ?

For example:

- Will I **be using** your computer tomorrow?
- Will you **be coming** to the party?
- Will David **be driving** to work on Monday? (will he be)
- What **will** we **be doing** this time tomorrow?
- Where **will** she **be staying** while she's here?
- Why **will** they **be using** the conference room at 3 pm?