

Future Perfect - Structure

How do we make the future perfect tense in English?

Note: This is also called the **future perfect simple** tense.

Positive form

Use the **future simple of have** and the **past participle**.

Full form	Short form
I will have played	I'll have played
you will have played	you'll have played
he will have played	he'll have played
she will have played	she'll have played
it will have played	it'll have played
we will have played	we'll have played
they will have played	they'll have played

For example:

- I **will have finished** my work by 4 pm.
- She'll **have gone** before you get there.
- We'll **have had** dinner by the time you arrive.

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 have played	I won't have played	*I'll not have played
you will not have played	you won't have played	you'll not have played
he will not have played	he won't have played	he'll not have played
she will not have played	she won't have played	she'll not have played
it will not have played	it won't have played	it'll not have played
we will not have played	we won't have played	we'll not have played
they will not have played	they won't have played	they'll not have played

*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 have arrived** by noon.
- You **will not have had** your break before then.
- James **won't have graduated** by next year. (he won't have graduated)
- They'll **not have started** the meeting yet.

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 have played?
	Will you have played?
	Will he have played?
	Will she have played?
	Will it have played?
	Will we have played?
	Will they have played?

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

For example:

- **Will I have received** it by then?
- **Will you have completed** the project by Friday?
- **Will the bus have left** by 6:30? (will it have left)
- What **will** you **have done** before Wednesday?
- How many books **will** she **have read** by the end of the year?
- How long **will** we **have lived** here by next month?