

7<sup>th</sup> Session

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TOPIC:

# FUTURE CONTINUOUS



- ▶ The future continuous tense, sometimes also referred to as the **future progressive tense**, is a verb tense that indicates that something will occur in the future and continue for an expected length of time.

For example:



# FORM

- ▶ The future continuous is made up of two elements:  
the simple future of the verb 'to be' + the present participle (base+ing)



Subject

to be

present participle



YOU

WILL BE

WATCHING.

I

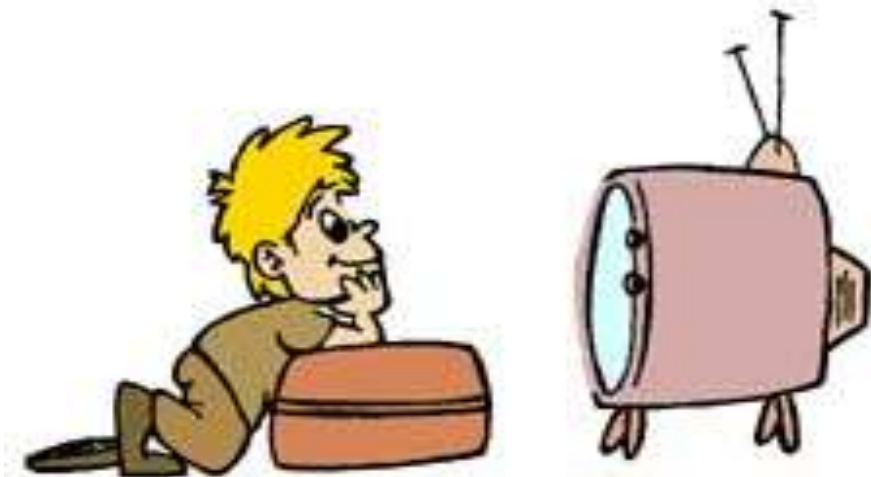
WILL BE

STAYING.



# Future Continuous Tense - Positive

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Will/Shall</b>	<b>Be + Verb (1st form) + Ing</b>	<b>Object + (.)</b>
↓	↓	↓	↓
You	will	be watching	Tv on Sunday.

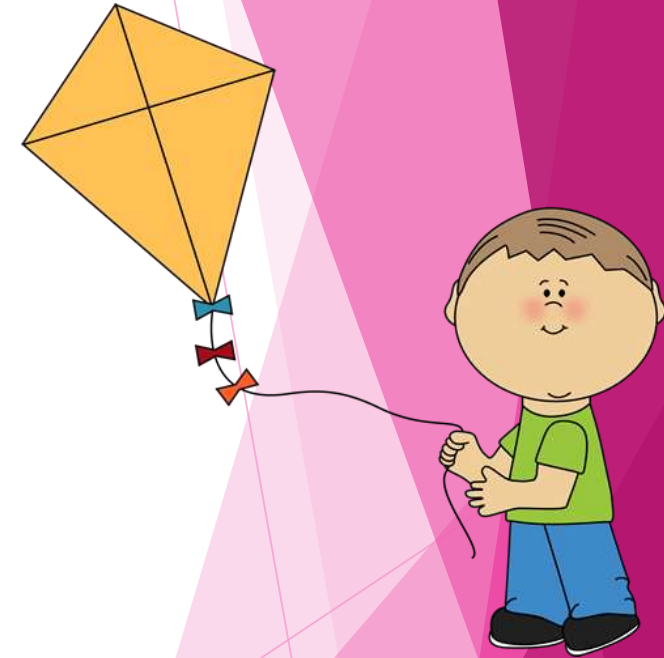




## Some More Examples :

### Positive sentences :

- We will be shifting to a new home next year.
- He will be flying a kite.
- It will be raining tomorrow.
- She will be enjoying her vacations.
- He will be expecting honesty from his employee.
- She will be delivering a speech to people.



# Future Continuous Tense - Negative

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Will/Shall</b>	<b>Not + Be + Verb (1st form) + Ing</b>	<b>Object + (.)</b>
↓	↓	↓	↓
He	will	not be washing	your clothes.





## Negative sentences :

- We will not be shifting to a new home next year.
- He will not be flying a kite.
- It will not be raining tomorrow.
- She will not be enjoying her vacations.
- He will not be expecting honesty from his employees.
- She will not be delivering a speech to people.



# Future Continuous Tense – Interrogative

Will	Subject	BE + Present participle	Object+?
↓	↓	↓	↓
Will	you	helping	the people?



## Interrogative sentence :

- Will we be shifting to a new home next year?
- Will he be flying a kite?
- Will it be raining tomorrow?
- Will she be enjoying her vacations?
- Will he be expecting honesty from his employees?
- Will she be delivering a speech to people?



► TO STAY, FUTURE CONTINUOUS

Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative	Negative Interrogative
I will be staying.	I won't be staying.	Will I be staying?	Won't I be staying?
You will be staying.	You won't be staying.	Will you be staying?	Won't you be staying?
He will be staying.	He won't be staying.	Will he be staying?	Won't he be staying?
She will be staying.	She won't be staying.	Will she be staying?	Won't she be staying?
It will be staying.	It won't be staying.	Will it be staying?	Won't it be staying?
We will be staying.	We won't be staying.	Will we be staying?	Won't we be staying?
They will be staying.	They won't be staying.	Will they be staying?	Won't they be staying?



# Future Continuous Tense



I *will be staying*  
here until Sunday.

The postman *will  
be coming* soon.

# FUNCTIONS



- ▶ The future continuous refers to an unfinished action or event that will be in progress at a time later than now. The future continuous is used for quite a few different purposes.



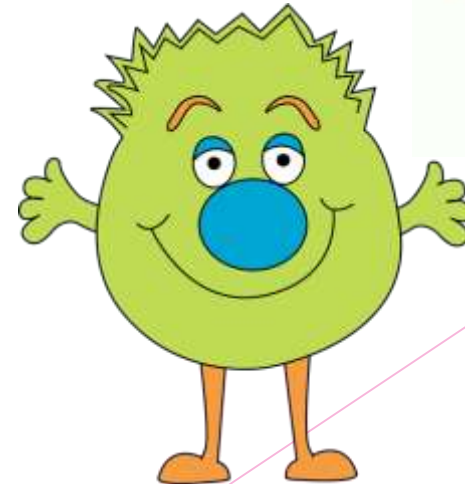


# Interrupted Action in the Future:

- ▶ Use the future continuous to indicate that a longer action in the future will be interrupted by a shorter action in the future. Remember this can be real interruption or just an interruption in time.

Example:

- ▶ I will be watching TV when she arrives tonight.
- ▶ I will be waiting for you when your bus arrives.



# The future continuous can be used for predicting or guessing about future events

## EXAMPLES

- ▶ He'll be coming to the meeting, I expect.
- ▶ I guess you'll be feeling thirsty after working in the sun.
- ▶ You'll be missing the sunshine once you're back in England.



In the interrogative form, the future continuous can be used to ask politely for information about the future.

#### EXAMPLES

- ▶ Will you be bringing your friend to the party tonight?
- ▶ Will Jim be coming with us?
- ▶ Will she be going to the party tonight?
- ▶ Will I be sleeping in this room?



# Atmosphere in the future:

- ▶ IN ENGLISH WE OFTEN USE A SERIES OF PARALLEL ACTION TO DESCRIBE AN ACTIONS TO DESCRIBE AN ATMOSPHERE AT A SPECIFIC POINT IN THE FUTURE .
- ▶ EXAMPLE:

WHEN I ARRIVE AT THE PARTY EVERYBODY WILL BE CELEBRATING. SOME WILL BE DANCING OTHERS WILL BE TALKING.

When combined with *still*, the future continuous refers to events that are already happening now and that we expect to continue some time into the future.

### EXAMPLES

- ▶ In an hour I'll **still be ironing** my clothes.
- ▶ Tomorrow he'll **still be suffering** from his cold.
- ▶ Next year **will she still be wearing** a size six?
- ▶ **Won't stock prices still be falling** in the morning?
- ▶ Unfortunately, **sea levels will still be rising** in 20 years.

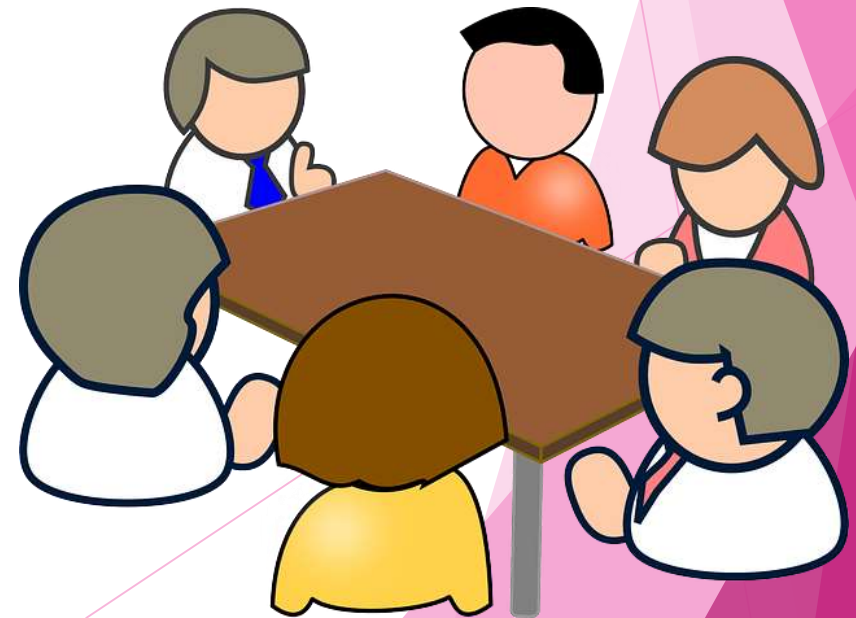


# Parallel Action:

- ▶ When you use the future continuous with two actions in the same sentence, it expresses the idea that both actions will be happening at the same time. The actions are parallel.

Example:

Tonight, they will be eating dinner, discussing their plans, and having a good time.





# FUTURE

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graph TD; FUTURE --> Present_continuous[Present continuous]; FUTURE --> GOING_TO[GOING TO]; FUTURE --> Will[Will]; Present_continuous --> Planned_activities[Planned activities already arranged]; GOING_TO --> Future_plans[Future plans and intentions]; GOING_TO --> Predictions_1[Predictions (Objective, real evidence)]; Will --> Unplanned_future[Unplanned future, decided at the moment of speaking]; Will --> Predictions_2[Predictions (No real evidence)]; Will --> Promises[Promises Threats Offers (Shall I...?)];
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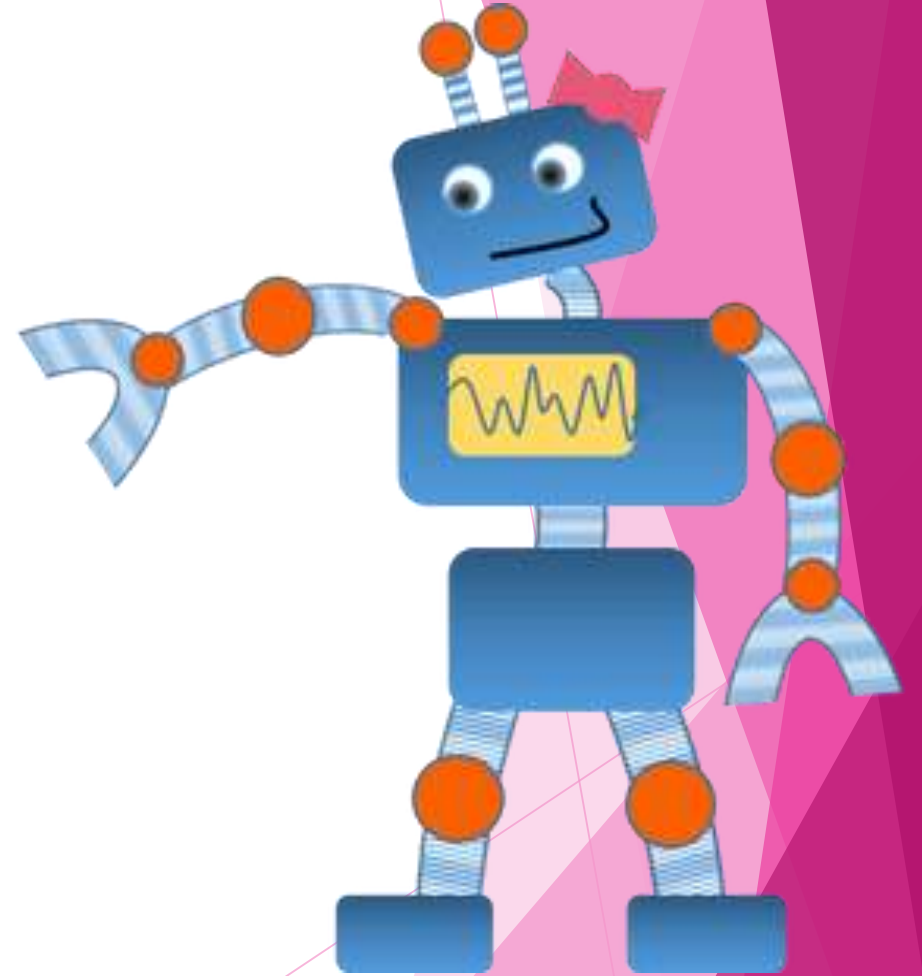
# FORM Future Continuous with "Be Going To "

## ► SENTENCE STRUCTURE:

AFF : am/is/are + going to be + Verb in infinitive

NEG: am/is/are + not +going to be + Verb in infinitive

INT: am/is/are +subject + going to + Verb in infinitive.....?



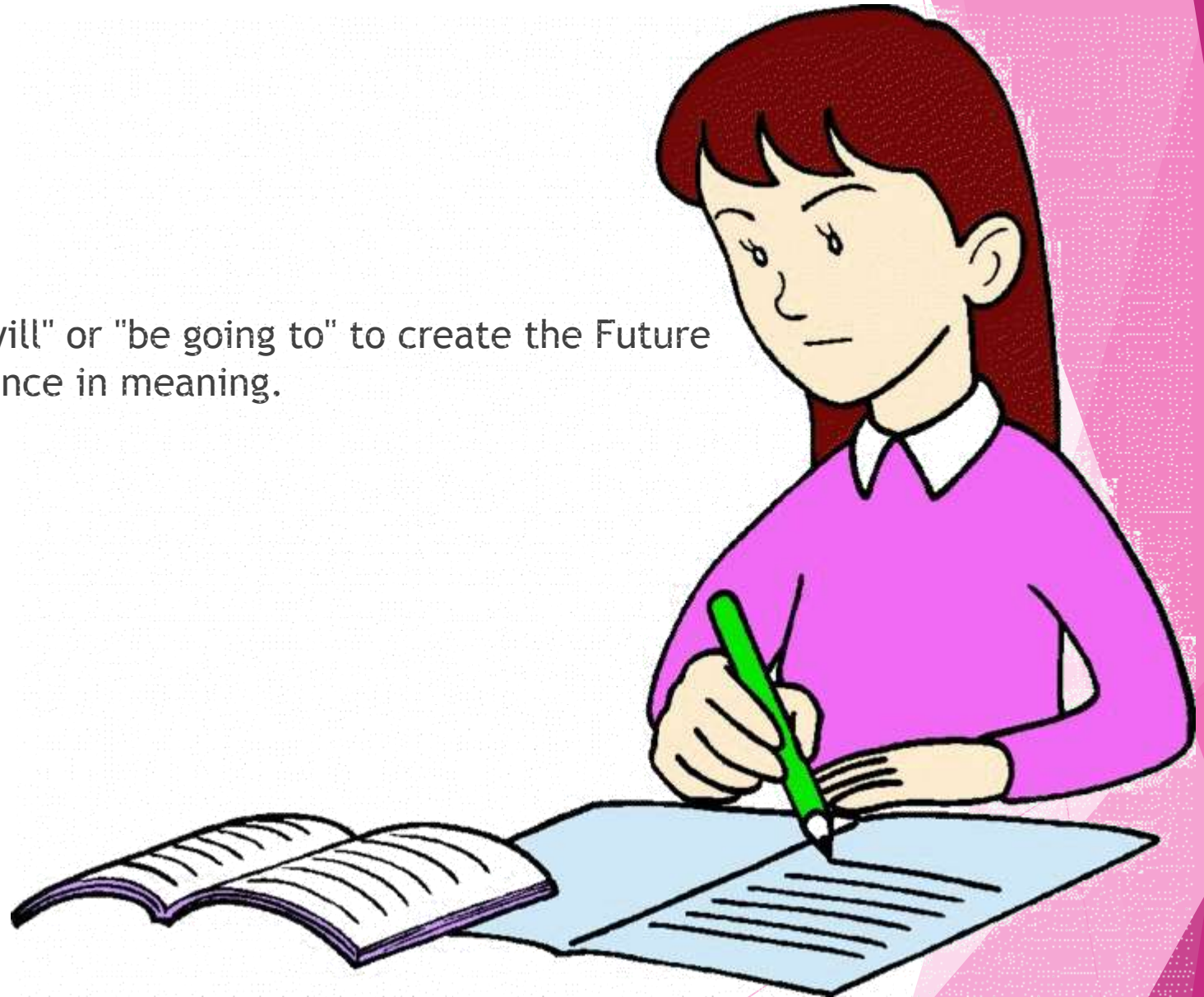
# Examples:

- ▶ You are going to be waiting for her when her plane arrives tonight.
- ▶ You are not going to be waiting for her when her plane arrives tonight.
- ▶ Are you going to be waiting for her when her plane arrives tonight?



# REMEMBER:

- It is possible to use either "will" or "be going to" to create the Future Continuous with little difference in meaning.



# EXERCISE

1. THIS TIME NEXT YEAR I (LIVE) \_\_\_\_\_ IN LONDON.
2. THEY (RUN) \_\_\_\_\_ FOR ABOUT FOUR HOURS.
3. SHE (STUDY) \_\_\_\_\_ AT THE LIBRARY TONIGHT.
4. THEY (ATTEND) \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR CONCERT NEXT FRIDAY.
5. UNFORTUNATELY I (WORK) \_\_\_\_\_ ON MY ESSAY SO I WON'T BE ABLE TO WATCH THE MATCH.





