

The Future Continuous Tense in the Passive Voice

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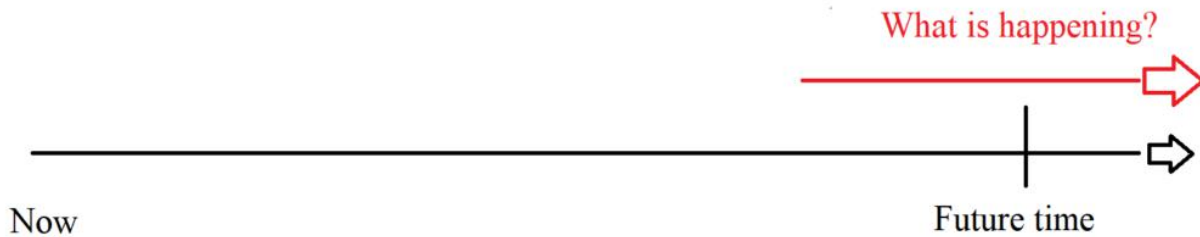
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Part 1: Lesson

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1. Review: What is the future continuous tense?

The future continuous tense is used to say what will be happening at a future time.



The future continuous tense is made by:

will be + ...ing

Alternatively, a less common format is:

(be) going to + ...ing

FUTURE TIME	WHAT WILL BE HAPPENING? (FUTURE CONTINUOUS TENSE)	FULL SENTENCE
when you get home	I <u>will be sleeping</u>	<u>I will be sleeping</u> when you get home.
when the game is on	he <u>is going to be working</u>	<u>He is going to be working</u> when the game is on.
when she arrives	it <u>will be raining</u>	<u>It will be raining</u> when she arrives.
Tuesday	Samantha <u>is going to be shopping</u>	I think <u>Samantha is going to be shopping</u> no matter whether it rains on Tuesday or not.

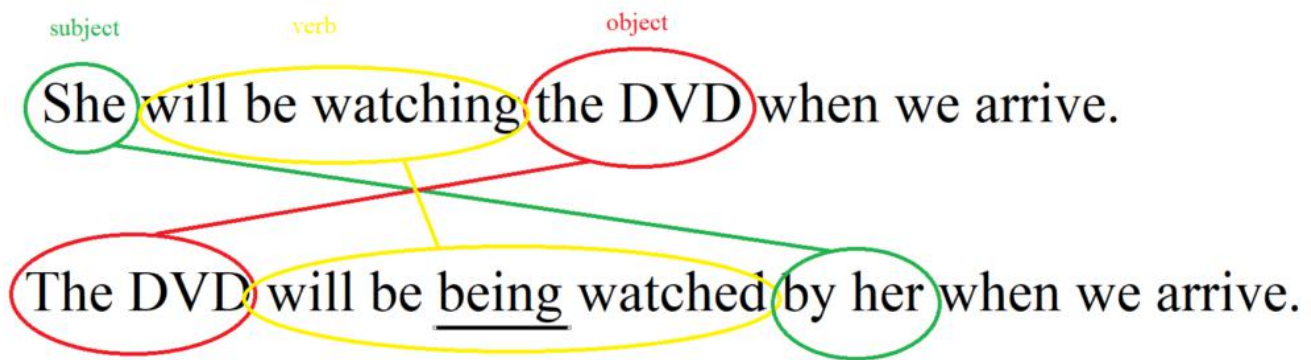
2. Turning the future continuous tense into its passive voice

The passive voice changes 'x does something to y' to 'y has something done to it by x'.

To turn the future continuous tense into the passive voice:

1. swap the subject and object
2. change the verb from 'will be ...ing' to 'will be being + p.p.
**Alternatively usse '(be) going to be being' + p.p.*

Perfect participle (p.p.) = gone, done, seen, eaten etc.



FUTURE CONTINUOUS	FUTURE CONTINUOUS (PASSIVE)
She <u>will be walking</u> the dog when we get home.	The dog <u>will be being walked</u> when we get home.
The mechanic <u>will be fixing</u> the car at 5.	The car <u>will be being fixed</u> by the mechanic at 5.
The pilot <u>will be turning on</u> the seatbelt sign just after take-off.	The seatbelt sign <u>will be being turned on</u> by the pilot just after take-off.
The priest <u>will be overseeing</u> the wedding on Sunday.	The wedding <u>will be being overseen</u> by the priest on Sunday.

3. Uses

The future continuous tense in the passive voice is seldom used. However, it does have a purpose:

To describe an on-going event at a future time

To stress that an action is being done (vs. a general truth)

The idea of the action being done is important. Usually, the passive form of a future tense describes a general truth, state, or plan, so there is no need for the ...ing form. Therefore, the future simple tense in the passive voice is more commonly used.

By using the continuous ...ing form, it stresses the action is being done.

It is often necessary to supply context to justify the stress of the action.

General truth or state (other future tenses in passive voice)	Stress action is being done (future continuous tense in passive voice)	Stress action is being done, with context
The dog will be seen by the vet on Saturday.	The dog will be being seen by the vet on Saturday.	We have been waiting for weeks, and for a while we thought it would die, but finally the dog will be being seen by the vet on Saturday.
Our office will be opened by the mayor next week.	Our office will be being opened by the mayor next week.	I was really excited to hear that our office will be being opened by the mayor next week.
Howie's appendix will be removed this afternoon.	Howie's appendix will be being removed this afternoon.	As it is critical the doctor's do not delay the surgery, Howie's appendix will be being removed this afternoon.
Bruce and Anya's film will be shown after the talk.	Bruce and Anya's film will be being shown after the talk.	Please don't immediately leave at 5pm, because Bruce and Anya's film will be being shown after the talk.

4. Further examples

I hope the dinner will be being cooked when I get home.

This time next week that wall will be being painted by 25 young artists.

The match will be being played at 7 30, not 7, because of the traffic problems.

The winner will be being picked by the chairman on Friday.

If you call at 5, she will still be being driven to the meeting.

The route will be being decided as soon as we know who is going.

All the animals will be being fed at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The house will be being put on sale once the couple find a new flat.

Part 2: Practice

Section 1: Recognising the structure

1. Circle the structure that is the future continuous tense (not the future continuous passive).

will play

will have played

will have been playing

will be having played

will be playing

2. Circle the structure that is the future continuous tense (not the future continuous passive).

She will have eaten dinner by 6pm.

She will eat dinner at 6pm.

She will be eating dinner at 6pm.

Dinner will be being eaten by her at 6pm.

Dinner will have been eaten by her by 6pm.

3. Circle the structure that is the future continuous tense (not the future continuous passive).

Owen will not be reading the book when I get home.

George will not have finished his homework by the time I get home.

Hannah will not be happy when I get home.

Abdikarim will not have been running for long when I get home.

Melissa will not take the dog for a walk when I get home.

4. Circle the structures that are the future continuous tense (not the future continuous passive).

They have eaten the dessert already.

He will have finished his work by 3pm.

They will be having a fight after school.

The government will have spent less money on schools this year than last year.

I will go to the cinema on Tuesday.

Lewis and Jashana will not be allowed to take part.

I will be working on the project when the boss comes.

We will be watching the show tomorrow morning.

Lucia will be happy with her exam results.

The artwork will have been sold by the time we arrive.

5. Circle the structure that is the future continuous tense in the passive voice.

will be watching

will be having watched

will be being watched

will have watched

will watch

6. Circle the structure that is the future continuous tense in the passive voice.

TJ will be being told off

TJ will have been being told off for an hour

TJ will be telling them off

TJ will tell them off

TJ will have had to have been told off

7. Circle the structure that is the future continuous tense in the passive voice.

The cat will be in the back room while my parents visit.

The cat will have been kept in the back room while my parents visit.

The cat will keep in the back room while my parents visit.

The cat will be being kept in the back room while my parents visit.

We will be keeping the cat in the back room while my parents visit.

8. Circle the structure that is the future continuous tense in the passive voice.

The computer will fix this weekend.

The computer will be being fixed this weekend.

The computer will be fixed this weekend.

The computer will have been being fixed for a week by the end of this weekend.

The computer will have had its fix by this weekend.

9. Circle the sentence that is written in the future continuous tense in the passive voice.

The interviewer will be interviewing Inga at 2pm.

Inga will have had her interview by 2pm.

Inga will interview for the job at 2pm.

Inga will be being interviewed for the job at 2pm.

Inga be having her interview at 2pm.

10. Circle the sentence that is written in the future continuous tense in the passive voice.

I will not be writing the article.

The article will not be being written by me.

The article will not be written by me.

The article will not have been written by me.

The article will not have been being written by me.

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11. Circle the sentence that is written in the future continuous tense in the passive voice.

The dog will be being looked after by my parents.

The guinea pig will be happy with its new garden.

The cat will be given a new basket tomorrow.

The bird will have had its breakfast by the time you wake up.

The rabbit will have a new home.