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Book: Grammar

Topic: The Future Tense – and its structure

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Learning Objectives

At the end of this lesson, students will be able to:

- use 'will' to describe the future.
- use 'be going to' to describe the future.
- use 'be' + a verb + ing to describe the future.

A. The Simple Future/Future Indefinite Tense

(Shall/ will + Verb)

The Future Indefinite Tense is used to express the action or event which is likely to happen in Future. In this tense we use **shall/will** between the subject and the first form of the verb. Normally we use '**shall**' with pronouns of first person (I, We). In the same way. we use '**will**' with the pronouns of second person (you) and third person (he, she, it, they).

(i) In Negative sentences 'not' is added after 'shall/'will as the case may be ; as— We shall not see the picture today.

(ii) In Interrogative sentences 'will'/'shall' is placed before the subject and first form of the verb after it ; as—

Will you go to college today?

B. The Future Continuous Tense

(Will/shall + be + Verb + ing)

The Future Continuous Tense is used to express an event that is expected to take place in the normal course or at some time in the future; as—

- We shall be playing a football match on Sunday.
- The new edition of this book will be coming out shortly.
- When I reach Calcutta, it will be raining heavily there.
- Will you be taking part in the debate? (Interrogative)
- The farmers will not be watering the plants at this time. (Negative)

C. The Future Perfect Tense

(Shall/will + have + III form of the Verb)

(i) The Future Perfect Tense expresses an action which is expected to be completed by a certain time in the Future; as—

She will have covered her journey by next Monday.

(ii) The Future Perfect Tense sometimes expresses the speaker's belief that something has taken place. In such sentences it does not express the Future ; as—

"You will have discussed the plans how to invite the delegates", said my boss.

(iii) It is also used for an action which at a given future time will be in the past; as—

In two years' time I shall have bought my own house.

D. The Future Perfect Continuous Tense

(Shall/will + have been + Verb + ing)

Future perfect continuous tense is used to: denote actions that will definitely take place before a certain time in the future and will continue further for some time; particularly emphasise on the course of a future action.

- We shall have been waiting for you for a long time.
- He will have been playing for three hours.