Chapter 8-5
Future Continuous Tense 未來進行時態
Additional Notes

1. Future Continuous Tense: Structure 🟡

1) Positive Sentences

Structure: **Subject + will be + verb-ing**

Examples:

- **I will be studying** at 8 p.m. tonight.
- **You will be waiting** for the train tomorrow morning.
- **We will be attending** the conference［會議/研討會］next week.
- **They will be travelling** to London this time tomorrow.
- **He will be repairing** his bicycle after school.
- **She will be serving** customers during the afternoon shift.
- **It will be snowing** in the mountains tomorrow evening.

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2) Negative Sentences

Structure: **Subject + will not (won't) be + verb-ing**

Examples:

- **I won't be sleeping** at 10 p.m. because I will still be working.
- **They won't be practising** tomorrow afternoon.
- **He won't be checking** his email during the meeting.
- **She won't be studying** at home this evening.
- **We won't be using** the classroom tomorrow.

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3) Question Sentences

Structure: **Will + Subject + be + verb-ing + ?**

Examples:

- **Will you be waiting** for me after school?
- **Will they be discussing** the proposal［提案］tomorrow?
- **Will he be repairing** the computer this afternoon?
- **Will she be working** during the weekend?
- **Will we be travelling** by train tomorrow?

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2. When Do We Use the Future Continuous? 🟡

1) An action that will be **in progress** [正在進行] at a specific time in the future

Examples:

- I **will be doing** my homework at 8 p.m.
- They **will be playing** basketball this time tomorrow.
- She **will be flying** to Japan next Monday morning.

2) A **planned** or **expected** [預期的] future activity

Examples:

- He was tired because he **had been working** all day.
- The students were excited because they **had been preparing** for the event for weeks.
- We were hungry because we **had been walking** for hours.

3) **To ask politely** about someone's plans 有禮貌地詢問他人的計畫

Examples:

- **Will you be using** the computer later?
- **Will she be joining** us for dinner?
- **Will they be attending** the ceremony [出席典禮]?

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3. Signal Words 🟡

Common signal words:

- **at this time tomorrow**
- **this time next week**
- **tomorrow**
- **next week**
- **next month**
- **in the future**
- **at 8 p.m. tomorrow**
- **when**

Examples:

- She will be studying **at this time tomorrow**.
- We will be travelling **next week**.
- They will be working **when** you arrive.

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4. Comparison

Tense	Structure	Example
Future Simple	will + verb	She will finish her homework tonight.
Future Continuous	will be + verb-ing	She will be doing her homework at 8 p.m. tonight.

- **Future Simple** focuses on a **future action** or **decision**. ［未來動作/決定］
- **Future Continuous** focuses on an action that will be **in progress / ongoing** at a specific future time. ［未來某時段進行的動作］

Examples

- I **will finish** the report tomorrow. *(action completion in the future)*
- I **will be writing** the report at 10 a.m. tomorrow. *(ongoing action)*
- They **will clean** the classroom after school. *(action completed later)*
- They **will be cleaning** the classroom at 4 p.m. *(action in progress)*