Chapter 8-7
Future Perfect Continuous Tense 未來完成進行時態
Additional Notes

1. Future Perfect Continuous Tense: Structure 🟡

1) Positive Sentences

Structure: **Subject + will have been + verb-ing**

Examples:

- **I will have been studying** for three hours by 8 p.m.
- **You will have been waiting** for an hour by the time the bus arrives.
- **We will have been working** on the project for six months by next week.
- **They will have been living** in Toronto for ten years by next summer.
- **He will have been practicing** the piano for two hours by dinner time.
- **She will have been teaching** at this school for twenty years by 2030.
- **It will have been raining** for several hours by midnight.

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2) Negative Sentences

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

Examples:

- **I won't have been studying** for very long by then.
- **They won't have been waiting** for more than thirty minutes.
- **He won't have been working** here for a full year by next month.
- **She won't have been living** in London for long by that time.
- **We won't have been driving** for more than two hours.

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3) Question Sentences

Structure: **Will + Subject + have been + verb-ing + ?**

Examples:

- **Will you have been studying** for three hours by 8 p.m.?
- **Will they have been waiting** long before the train arrives?
- **Will he have been working** here for ten years by next summer?
- **Will she have been teaching** for twenty years by 2030?
- **Will we have been practicing** long enough before the performance?

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2. When Do We Use the Future Perfect Continuous? 🟡

1) An action that **will continue** up to a certain time in the future

Examples:

- I **will have been studying** for three hours by 8 p.m.
- She **will have been working here** for ten years by next July.
- They **will have been traveling** for a week by Friday.

2) An action that **will continue** up to another future action

Examples:

- We **will have been waiting** for two hours before the concert starts.
- He **will have been driving** for six hours before he reaches Taipei.
- The students **will have been preparing** for months before the competition begins.

3) To **emphasize** the duration of a future activity

Examples:

- By next year, she **will have been learning** English for fifteen years.
- By midnight, the workers **will have been repairing** the road for twelve hours.
- By the end of this month, I **will have been reading** historical books for five years.

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3. Signal Words 時間提示詞 🟡

Common signal words:

- **for**
- **by**
- **by the time**
- **before**
- **for two hours**
- **for several years**
- **by next year**
- **by then**

Examples:

- She will have been working here **for ten years by next summer**.
- We will have been waiting **for two hours by the time the train arrives**.
- They will have been living in Canada **for five years by then**.

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4. Comparison

Tense	Structure	Example
Future Perfect	will have + past participle	She will have finished her homework by 8 p.m.
Future Perfect Continuous	will have been + verb-ing	She will have been doing her homework for three hours by 8 p.m.

- **Future Perfect** focuses on a future action that **will be completed before a specific future time**.
- **Future Perfect Continuous** focuses on **how long an action will have continued［持續時間］before a specific future time.**

Examples

- I **will have written** the report by noon tomorrow. *(completed action)*
- I **will have been writing** the report for three hours by noon tomorrow. *(focus on duration)*
- They **will have lived** in Toronto for ten years by next year. *(result/fact)*
- They **will have been living** in Toronto for ten years by next year. *(emphasizes the continuing duration)*

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5. Quick Comparison

- **Future Simple:** I **will study** English tomorrow.
  ［明日－會學英語］
- **Future Continuous:** I **will be studying** English at 8 p.m. tomorrow.
  ［明日八點時－正在學習］
- **Future Perfect:** I **will have studied** English by 8 p.m. tomorrow.
  ［明日八點前－已經完成學習］
- **Future Perfect Continuous:** I **will have been studying** English for three hours by 8 p.m. tomorrow.
  ［明日八點前，已經持續寫作業兩個小時］