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Use
 We use the future perfect simple to talk about an activity that will be finished by a specific time in the future.
They'll have finished building the bridge by next January.
 We use the future continuous to talk about an activity that will be in progress at a specific time in the future.
This time next week I'll be flying to Rome.

Form
 Future perfect simple: we use *will + have + past participle*.
I'll have finished my homework in an hour.
 Future continuous: we use *will + be + the -ing form of the verb*.
In an hour, I'll be getting ready to go out.

1 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the future perfect simple or the future continuous.

- 1 This time next week we (**ski**) in the French Alps.
- 2 Greg is taking a year off to travel. By the end of next year he (**visit**) seven countries.
- 3 'What will you be doing this time tomorrow?' 'I (**take**) my English exam.'
- 4 Don't come round at six o'clock. I (**still / do**) my homework.
 If you want to come round at seven, you can. I (**finish**) it by then.
- 5 Jill has accepted a job abroad. This time next month she (**work**) in Paris.
- 6 Next year, I (**live**) in this house for ten years.

2 Complete the text. Use the correct form of the future perfect simple or the future continuous.

What ¹ we (**do**) in a hundred years' time? According to NASA Scientists we ² (**travel**) in outer space. By the twenty-second century man ³ (**develop**) a quick way of getting to the stars, and the first long-distance spaceships ⁴ (**leave**) Earth.

However, these spaceships won't be the first to explore outer space. Other spaceships ⁵ (**already / voyage**) into the unknown. In fact, the first unmanned ship, *Pioneer 10*, was launched in 1972. *Pioneer 10* will be in space for thousands of years, and in 32,000 years' time it will pass a star called Ross 248.

By the time *Pioneer 10* gets there, man ⁶ (**already / reach**) Ross 248 and ⁷ (**colonize**) the planets around it. What ⁸ these humans (**do**) when *Pioneer 10* passes by? Will they remember that it was the first spaceship to venture into outer space?

3 Complete the sentences with your own ideas.

- 1 This time tomorrow I'll be
- 2 By next weekend I'll have
- 3 In six months' time I'll be
- 4 By the end of this year I'll have
- 5 In three years' time I'll be