

THE FUTURE CONTINUOUS TENSE

(I will be doing)

Look at these sentences :

(Situation: Muslims generally perform the Pilgrimage rituals between the 9th and the 12th of Dhul-Hijjah every year.)

1. On the 9th of Dhul-Hijjah next year, pilgrims **will be staying** at 'Arafat. They'll **be praying** Dhuhr and 'Asr, combined, in Namirah Mosque. At night, they **will be staying** at Nuzdalifah.
2. On Dhul-Hijjah 10th, they **will be stoning** Iblis. Later on, they **will be slaughtering** their offerings for the sake of Allah.

The underlined verb forms are in the Future Continuous Tense. We use this tense to denote an action that will be taking place during a certain time in the future. We also often use "Will (you) be -ing?" to ask about people's plans, especially when we want something or want someone to do something; e.g.

A: Will you be using your car this afternoon?

B: No, you can take it.

A: Will you be going to the ticket office this evening?

B: Yes, why?

A: I wonder if you could buy me a ticket.

Exercise 8

Complete the following sentences, using the Future Continuous Tense:

1. This assiduous student does his homework assignments between 5.00 and 7.00 P.M. every day. At 6.00 tomorrow evening, he
2. During the month of Ramadan, Muslims fast from dawn until sunset. On the morning of Ramadan 15th next year, they.
3. The Professor starts delivering his lecture at 7.15 and finishes at 8.05. At 7.45 tomorrow morning, he
4. University students usually start drawing their salaries on the 25th and finish on the 29th of every month. On the 27th of next month, they
5. They are going to clean the flat tomorrow. It will take from 9 until 11 o'clock. So at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, they