

THE FUTURE PERFECT TENSE

(I will have done)

Look at these sentences :

1. By June next year, I hope I will have completed my B.A.
2. I wonder what researchers in the field of cancer will have achieved by the year 2000.
3. This time next year, I'll have started my teaching career.

The underlined verb forms are in the Future Perfect Tense. We use this tense to say that something will already have happened before a certain time in the future.

Exercise 9

Complete the following sentences, using the Future Perfect Tense :

1. My colleague is a third-year student now. It will take him two years to obtain his B.A. So in two years' time, he ... his B.A.
2. They are putting up new buildings for the University Campus. It will take us one more year to move into the new buildings. So this time next year, we ... into the new buildings.
3. The linguist has already written two books on General Linguistics and is now embarking on a book on Sociolinguistics, which will take him a year. In a year's time, he... three books on Linguistics.
4. Mr. X always goes to bed at 11 o'clock. Mr. Y is going to visit him at 11.30 this evening. When Mr. Y arrives, Mr. X ... to bed.
5. Mr. X is on holiday. He has very little money and is spending too much too quickly. Before the end of his holiday, he ... all his money.