

THE FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE

(I will have been doing)

Look at these sentences :

1. By the end of this year, I will have been studying English for ten years.
2. By 2000, we will have been living in the Southern Province for twelve years.

The underlined verb forms are in the Future Perfect Continuous Tense. We use this tense to denote an action (or situation) at a certain point in the future which will have begun in the past, and will either have just finished or still be continuing.

Lercise 10

Complete the following sentences, putting the verbs in parentheses into the Future Perfect Continuous Tense :

1. He has been appointed Chargé d’Affaires since 1994. By 2000, he (work) in the Embassy for six years.
2. The satellite has been orbiting the Earth since June, 1994. How long it (orbit) the Earth by June 1996?
3. Dr. X has joined our Dept. since 1990. By 2000, he (work) as a staff member for ten years.
4. Mr. Brown has been in charge of the Publishing Company almost since 1990. By 2000, he (run) the Company for about ten years.
5. Mr. X has extensive teaching experience. By the end of this year, he (teach) for a quarter of a century.