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Basics. Mastering the Future Perfect Continuous

Hard | B2 | Upper Intermediate | Clause | Conditional sentence | Future tense | Questions | Verb | Verb tense | Perfect tense | Progressive tense

1. Drag the correct verb phrases to complete the college student's slightly panicked realization about their study schedule.

By 3:00 AM tonight, I _____ at this same essay prompt for six hours. Worse still, my roommate _____ that terrible video game for even longer!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) will stare
B) will have been staring
C) have been staring

Blank 2

A) will play
B) will have been playing
C) is playing

2. Help Commander Ripley update her mission log by selecting ALL the grammatically correct sentences that describe her upcoming milestone.

Select all that apply.

A) By next Tuesday, I will have been orbiting Earth for exactly one year.
B) By next Tuesday, I'll have been living on this space station for exactly one year.
C) By next Tuesday, I will have been orbited Earth for exactly one year.
D) By next Tuesday, I will be orbiting Earth for exactly one year.

3. Drag the correct verb phrases to complete the mission commander's optimistic (yet hungry) log about the Mars colonization timeline.

By the time the supply ship finally docks next month, we _____ freeze-dried space food for two straight years. Unbelievably, our botanist _____ to grow a real potato in the airlock for almost as long!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) will be eating
B) will have been eating
C) have been eating

Blank 2

A) will try
B) will have been trying
C) has been trying

4. Choose the correct phrase to complete the detective's dramatic stakeout notes.

"By the time the suspect finally leaves the building," whispered Detective Miller, "we _____ this boring front door for twelve uninterrupted hours."

Select one.

A) will watch
B) are watching
C) had been watching
D) will have been watching

5. Drag the correct verb forms to help the exhausted detective finish his stakeout report for the chief.

If the suspect doesn't show up by midnight, we _____ in this freezing unmarked van for twelve hours. At that point, my partner _____ about his cold feet for exactly eleven of those hours!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** will be sitting
- **B)** will have been sitting
- **C)** are sitting

Blank 2

- **A)** will have complained
- **B)** will have been complaining
- **C)** complains

6. Help the undercover secret agent complete his encrypted mission log.

By the end of this month, I _____ the villain's secret password for exactly a year. Despite this success, I _____ this ridiculous fake mustache for so long that I might never be able to take it off.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** will have been knowing
- **B)** will know
- **C)** will have known

Blank 2

- **A)** will be wearing
- **B)** have been wearing
- **C)** will have been wearing

7. You're editing a dramatic script for a popular soap opera. Select ALL the lines that correctly use the Future Perfect Continuous tense without breaking the grammatical rules of stative verbs!

Select all that apply.

- **A)** By the time the truth comes out, they will have been secretly dating for a decade!
- **B)** When the wedding finally happens, she will have been hiding her true identity for months.
- **C)** By their tenth anniversary, he will have been knowing about her secret for five years.
- **D)** By tomorrow, they will have been being in love for a whole year.

8. Help the exhausted astronaut update his final log before returning to Earth by choosing the correct verb phrase.

By the time the rescue shuttle finally docks on Tuesday, I _____ at this blinking control panel for exactly 400 days.

Select one.

- **A)** will be sitting
- **B)** would have been sitting
- **C)** will have been sitting
- **D)** have been sitting

9. Help the exhausted assistant director complete his production report for tomorrow's chaotic film shoot.

By the time the director finally yells "Cut!" tomorrow evening, the actors _____ in the freezing rain for six straight hours. Furthermore, the makeup artists _____ fake zombie blood continuously since dawn.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** will be standing
- **B)** will have stood
- **C)** will have been standing

Blank 2

- **A)** will have reapplied
- **B)** are reapplying
- **C)** will have been reapplying

10. Complete the enthusiastic gamer's livestream announcement by selecting the grammatically correct option.

If I can just keep my eyes open until 3:00 AM, I _____ virtual dragons for 48 hours straight!

Select one.

- **A)** will be battling
- **B)** will have been battling
- **C)** had been battling
- **D)** have battled

11. Complete the mother's frantic text message to her sister about their upcoming family road trip.

Tell me honestly, how long _____ at the campsite by the time our RV finally _____? Assuming we don't get lost again, we _____ these dusty backroads for at least ten hours!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** will you be waiting
- **B)** will you have waited
- **C)** will you have been waiting

Blank 2

- **A)** will arrive
- **B)** arriving
- **C)** arrives

Blank 3

- **A)** will be navigating
- **B)** have been navigating
- **C)** will have been navigating

12. Read the grumpy cat's inner monologue. Select ALL the sentences that correctly apply the Future Perfect Continuous to express his dramatic suffering.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** If she doesn't feed me by 6 PM, I will have been waiting by my bowl for three excruciating hours.
- **B)** By the time she finally opens the tuna, I am going to have been meowing continuously since noon.
- **C)** By 6 PM, I will have been waited by my bowl for three excruciating hours.
- **D)** When she finally feeds me, I will have been starved for exactly three hours.