FUTURE SIMPLE

We use the future simple (will + bare infinitive) for:
- Decisions made at the moment of speaking: It’s cold. I’ll close the window.
- Predictions about the future, based on what we think, believe or imagine, using the verbs think, believe, expect, etc; the expressions be sure, be afraid, etc. and the adverbs probably, certainly, perhaps, etc. (He will probably tell you later)
- Promises, threats, warnings, requests, hopes and offers (Will you help me tidy the room?)
- Actions, events, situations which will definitely happen in the future and which we can’t control (Bob will be thirty years old in May)

FUTURE PERFECT

We use the future perfect (will have + past participle) for actions that will have finished before a stated time in the future. We will have moved house by the end of June.

(If we use the future perfect instead of the simple future, we are emphasizing the certain completion of the action. However, the difference between the two tenses is often quite small.)

FUTURE CONTINUOUS

We use the future continuous (will be + verb-ing):
- For actions which will be in progress at a stated future time: This time next month, I’ll be lying on the beach.
- For actions which will definitely happen in the future as the result of a routine or arrangement. We will be visiting the Smiths at the weekend.
- When we ask politely about someone’s plans for the near future. Will you be finishing your report soon?

The future continuous is essentially the present continuous projected into the future. The speaker imagines himself/herself doing a certain action in the future. You could not use the simple future instead of the future continuous in this situation (This time next week I’ll lie on the beach)

Difference between future, future continuous and future perfect:
- The future simple + time expression = an action will start at that future time (I will have lunch at 3 o’clock)
- The future continuous + time expression = an action will be in progress at that future time (At 7 o’clock tomorrow I will be having a meeting)
- The future perfect + time expression = an action will be finished at the latest by that time (At 7 o’clock tomorrow I will have finished my homework).