Future Plans

We can use the verbs expect, hope, intend, or plan + an infinitive to express general future plans.

Examples:
- We don’t expect to see him again.
- They hope to visit us next year.
- I intend to go to Australia next holidays.
- I’m not planning to stay here much longer.

The perfect infinitive (to have + verb past participle) can also be used to express an action which will or might take place before a specific time in the future.

Examples:
- I hope to have finished by noon.
- My plan is to have bought a new car by Christmas.
- By this time next year, Melissa intends to have gotten her Masters degree.
- Peter’s expectation is to have paid the home mortgage in full in four years.

Finished Future Actions

The future perfect (will + have + verb past participle) is used to indicate that an action will be concluded by a specific time in the future.

Examples:
- By next November, I will have received my promotion.
- Will she have learned enough Chinese to communicate by her summer in Beijing?
- You will have perfected your English by the time you come back from the U.S.
- By the time we finish this course, we will have taken twenty tests.

The present perfect (have / has + verb past participle) is used in an adverbial clause to distinguish between a completed future action and one that will follow it.

Examples:
- When I’ve bought my new car, I’ll drive to beach by myself.
- My sister is going to get her own house once she has saved enough money.

NOTE: You can’t use future perfect in adverbial clauses.
NOT: My sister is going to get her own house once she will have saved enough money.

FIGURE IT OUT...
Circle the correct letter to complete each statement.

1. Use ____ to distinguish between a completed future action and one that will follow it.
   a. the future perfect   b. the present perfect in an adverbial clause

2. Use ____ to indicate an action that will be completed by a specified time in the future.
   a. the future perfect   b. the present perfect in an adverbial clause

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Exercise 1: Complete the sentences with your own ideas expressing general future plans with expect, hope, intend, or plan + an infinitive.

1) By 2015, I _________________________________________________________________.
2) I don’t ________________________________________________________________.
3) My parents ______________________________________________________________
4) Irene’s older brother ______________________________________________________
5) Sue and her husband _____________________________________________________
6) Students and teachers _____________________________________________________
7) Our president ______________________________________________________________
8) By July, _________________________________________________________________
9) This car dealer ____________________________________________________________
10) Each new mom ___________________________________________________________

Exercise 2: Correct the errors.

1) By January, Sophia plan to has pay off all her debts.
2) Once I will have completed my studies, I get a job.
3) My expectation is have finish my own house in one year.
4) Ines am going to buy some groceries when she have received her salary.
5) By the time I return to my country, I am away from home for more than three years.
6) She intend having her own company by the age of twenty-five.
7) By this week, I have will read this entire literature book.
8) When you had finished your work, you would go to pick your sister up.
9) I will have expect to bought my laptop by next semester.
10) We'll going swimming when my parents will have arrived home.

Exercise 3: Fill in the verbs in brackets in the Future Perfect.

1) Anne ___________________ her bike next week. (repair)
2) We ___________________ the washing by 8 o’clock. (do)
3) She ___________________ Paris by the end of next year. (visit)
4) I ___________________ this by 6 o’clock. (finish)
5) Sam ___________________ by next week. (leave)
6) She ___________________ this with her mother tonight. (discuss)
7) The police ___________________ the driver. (arrest)
8) They ___________________ their essay by tomorrow. (write)
9) Paolo ___________________ the teams. (manage)
10) If we can do that - then we ___________________ our mission. (fulfill)