

Future Perfect

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The Future Perfect (Futuro Perfecto)

Welcome to our lesson on the **Future Perfect**, or **Futuro Perfecto**! This tense is super useful when you want to talk about an action that **will be completed** in the future, either before another event happens or before a specific moment in time.

Imagine saying: 'By tomorrow, I **will have finished** my work.' That's exactly what the Futuro Perfecto is for! It's like looking ahead to a future point and saying something will already be done and dusted by then.

How do we form the Future Perfect?

This tense is formed with two parts:

- The auxiliary verb **HABER** conjugated in the **Future Simple** tense.
- The past participle (**participio pasado**) of the main verb.

Subject + **haber (Future Simple)** + **Past Participle**

Let's look at the conjugation of **haber** in the Future Simple:

Pronoun	Haber (Future Simple)
Yo	habré
Tú	habrás
Él/Ella/Usted	habrá
Nosotros/as	habremos
Vosotros/as	habréis
Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes	habrán

And now for the **participio pasado**:

- For verbs ending in **-AR**, drop **-AR** and add **-ado**. (e.g., *hablar* -> *hablado*)
- For verbs ending in **-ER** and **-IR**, drop the ending and add **-ido**. (e.g., *comer* -> *comido*, *vivir* -> *vivido*)

Remember, the **participio pasado** in the Future Perfect **never changes its form** (it doesn't agree with the subject in number or gender). It always ends in **-o**!

There are also **irregular past participles** that you need to memorise:

Verb (Infinitive)	Irregular Past Participle
abrir	abierto
cubrir	cubierto
decir	dicho
escribir	escrito

Verb (Infinitive)	Irregular Past Participle
hacer	hecho
morir	muerto
poner	puesto
resolver	resuelto
romper	roto
ver	visto
volver	vuelto

When do we use the Future Perfect?

- To express an action that **will be completed before a specific moment in the future**. We often use words like *para* (by, for) or *cuando* (when).

Para mañana, ya habré terminado mi informe.

By tomorrow, I will have already finished my report.

- To express a **conjecture or probability about a past action**. This is similar to saying 'must have done' or 'might have done' something in English, referring to the past.

¿Dónde habrá estado Juan?

Where might Juan have been?

Here's a handy trick: 'By then, something will already be done!' This is key to understanding the Future Perfect. We're always looking ahead to a future point where an action will be completed.

Common mistake! Don't confuse the Future Perfect with other compound tenses. Remember, the participio pasado (e.g., *terminado, comido, visto*) **never changes its ending** in the Future Perfect – it always ends in **-o**, regardless of the subject's number or gender! We don't say **habré terminada** or **habré terminadoS**. It's always *habré terminado*.

Now you're ready to practise! ¡Mucha suerte!

Part 1 – Choose the correct word

Circle the option that correctly fills each gap.

1. Para la obra, _____ todo el decorado.

By the performance, they will have put up all the scenery.

A) habrían puesto B) habían puesto C) habrán puesto D) habré puesto

2. Para el final del curso, _____ a todos.

By the end of the course, you will have met everyone.

A) habías conocido B) habrás conocido C) habrías conocido D) habré conocido

3. Para la medianoche, _____ un poco.

By midnight, we will have slept a little.

A) habíamos dormido B) habréis dormido C) habremos dormido D) habríamos dormido

4. Para el viernes, _____ el misterio.

By Friday, we will have solved the mystery.

A) habréis resuelto B) habremos resuelto C) habíamos resuelto D) habríamos resuelto

5. Para el examen, _____.

By the exam, you will have studied a lot.

- A) habrás estudiado mucho B) habré estudiado mucho C) habrás comido mucho D) habías estudiado mucho

6. En una hora, Ana _____ la cena.

In an hour, Ana will have made dinner.

- A) habré hecho B) había hecho C) habría hecho D) habrá hecho

7. Para la fiesta, ya _____ todos los regalos.

By the party, we will have opened all the presents.

- A) habíamos abierto B) habríamos abierto C) habremos abierto D) habréis abierto

8. Para el final del día, _____ mi libro.

By the end of the day, I will have finished my book.

- A) habrás terminado B) habré terminado C) había terminado D) habría terminado

Part 2 – Fill in the gap

Write the missing word or phrase on the line.

1. Para fin de mes, _____ tres países.

By the end of the month, we will have visited three countries.

2. Para la noche, _____ a tu hermano.

By tonight, you will have helped your brother.

3. Antes del viaje, _____ tres libros.

Before the trip, I will have read three books.

4. Cuando vuelvas, los niños ya _____ todos los juguetes.

When you get back, the children will already have broken all the toys.

5. Para la noche, _____ a tu hermano.

By tonight, you will have helped your brother.

6. Cuando llegues, ya _____ todos.

By the time you arrive, all of us will have eaten.

Part 3 – Translate

Write each word in Spanish on the line.

1. to start › _____

2. decide › _____

3. to have received › _____

4. to break › _____

5. to have talked › _____

6. to come back › _____

Part 4 – Match the pairs

Write the letter of the matching translation next to each term.

Term		Translation	
1.	haber vendido	A	to win
2.	haber comprado	B	to have learnt
3.	haber pagado	C	to have showered
4.	haber ganado	D	pay
5.	haber estudiado	E	to have bought
6.	haber descubierto	F	to have sold
7.	haberse duchado	G	have studied
8.	haber aprendido	H	to have discovered

Answer Key

Part 1 – Choose the correct word

1. C) habrán puesto
2. B) habrás conocido
3. C) habremos dormido
4. B) habremos resuelto
5. A) habrás estudiado mucho
6. D) habrá hecho
7. C) habremos abierto
8. B) habré terminado

Part 2 – Fill in the gap

1. habremos visitado
2. habrás ayudado
3. habré leído
4. habrán roto
5. habrás ayudado
6. habremos comido

Part 3 – Translate

1. haber empezado
2. haber decidido
3. haber recibido
4. haber roto
5. haber hablado
6. haber vuelto

Part 4 – Match the pairs

1. F (to have sold)
2. E (to have bought)
3. D (pay)
4. A (to win)
5. G (have studied)
6. H (to have discovered)
7. C (to have showered)
8. B (to have learnt)