



# Learn English Through Stories

T Series

Test 13

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## The future perfect

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3. We have been together for a long time. By my next birthday, we .....(be) dating for three and a half years.
4. What? He broke his ankle again? At this rate, he..... (suffer) two dozen fractures by the time he .....(retire) from triathlon competitions.
5. I don't understand how those triathlon competitors do it. They began the race three hours ago. By the time they get to the finish line, they..... (run) and (swim) nonstop for eight hours!
6. Go ahead and take the day off. By tomorrow morning, I .....(take) care of those court cases for you.
7. The traffic was awful this afternoon. By the time we ....(get) to the Greyhound bus station, Mike's bus .....(already + arrive).
8. This morning, I came to visit my grandmother at ten o'clock. It is almost 11 and I am still walking in the park with my grandmother. I .....(walk) with my grandmother for an hour. By ten thirty, I ..... (walk) with my grandmother for half an hour. By noon, I .....(walk) with my grandmother for two hours.
9. Jules was born in 1950. By the year 2010, he .....(live) in Berlin for 60 years.
10. I'm so tired of sitting on this plane. Do you realize that by the time we arrive in Tokyo, we..... (travel) for 20 hours straight?

**2. Complete each sentence, using appropriate tense(s) for the verb(s) in parentheses.**

1. Tomorrow, after he .....(go) to the movies, Tyler..... (meet) Barbara for a drink downtown. This means that by the time he..... (meet) Barbara, he .....(watch) the movie.

2. Since the beginning of the summer, Elizabeth..... (read) three novels. Right now, she .....(read) *1984*, a novel written by George Orwell. She .....(read) it for the past two weeks. She .....(intend) to finish it by next week. In her lifetime, she .....(read) many science fiction novels, but this is one of the most fascinating novels she .....(ever + read).

3. A couple of days ago, Elizabeth (begin) to read *1984*. It's a dense novel. She (not + finish) reading it yet. She .....(read) it because one of her good friends recommended it.

4. Right now, the children..... (take) a nap. They both..... (fall) asleep an hour ago. They .....(sleep) for an hour. It's likely that they (sleep) for another half hour or so.

5. Yesterday morning, Cecilia woke up and ate breakfast. She .....(already + eat) breakfast when she..... (leave) her apartment. She..... (usually + try) to eat a healthy breakfast before she.....(head out) to class. I usually.....(not + eat) breakfast before I .....(go) to work. But I often .....(get) hungry before mid-morning. Tomorrow, I .....(try) something different, and before I .....(go) to work, I .....(eat) breakfast.

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