

Review: Using "By the Time"

By the time vs. When (future)

BY THE TIME

By the time is followed by a clause that (1) relates a time-frame, for viewing the progress or completion of the activity in the main clause; (2) includes an activity with duration and an end-point—*possibly before and up to X time*.

FUTURE PROGRESSIVE

The sun will be setting by the time I get home.



FUTURE PERFECT

The sun will have set by the time I get home.

