



Fante Handbook for Beginners

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Lesson 7: Future Tense

Future tense conjugations also have an extra syllable in the same place as continuous conjugations. The new syllables are *bε*, *bɔ*, *be*, and *bo*, and their selection is as follows:

me takes *bε*
mo takes *bɔ*
mi takes *be*
mu takes *bo*

We begin again with *da*, in the present tense:

- *meda* (*I sleep*)
- *eda* (*you sleep*)
- *ɔda* (*he sleeps*)
- *yεda* (*we sleep*)
- *hom da* (*you [all] sleep*)
- *wɔda* (*they sleep*)

Now we add *bε* as we did *re* in continuous tense, between the pronoun and the verb:

- *mebεda* (*I will sleep*)
- *ebεda* (*you will sleep*)
- *ɔbεda* (*he will sleep*)
- *yεbεda* (*we will sleep*)
- *hom bεda* (*you [all] will sleep*)
- *wɔbεda* (*they will sleep*)

For one last example, let us look at *su* first in present tense, then future:

- *musu* (*I cry*)
- *isu* (*you cry*)
- *osu* (*he cries*)
- *yesu* (*we cry*)
- *hom su* (*you [all] cry*)
- *wosu* (*they cry*)

Now adding *bo*:

- *mubosu* (*I will cry*)
- *ibosu* (*you will cry*)
- *obosu* (*he will cry*)
- *yebosu* (*we will cry*)
- *hom bosu* (*you [all] will cry*)
- *wobosu* (*they will cry*)

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