

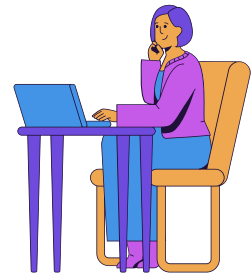
BY / UNTIL

BY - something happens once, not later than, *e.g. Please, pay the bill **by** Monday.*

UNTIL - how long the situation continues, *e.g. I would like to wait **until** Monday.*

*Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition: **by** or **until***

- 1) You must submit your application _____ the deadline to be considered for the position.
- 2) She continued to work on her thesis _____ the early hours of the morning.
- 3) The committee expects to reach a decision _____ the end of the week.
- 4) He stayed in the office _____ everyone else had left.
- 5) The final report needs to be handed in _____ Friday at the latest.
- 6) They waited patiently _____ their turn to speak.
- 7) The exhibit will be open _____ the end of the month.
- 8) I need to complete this assignment _____ the weekend.
- 9) We discussed the matter _____ we found a solution.
- 10) The store will be closed for renovations _____ further notice.



Maria had a deadline to meet. She knew she had to finish the report _____ Friday. She decided to work on it every evening _____ she got it done. She often stayed in the office _____ late at night, determined to complete it on time. Her goal was to have everything ready _____ Thursday so she could review her work one last time. Finally, _____ 10 PM on Thursday, she typed the last word and saved her document. She felt relieved knowing she had completed it _____ the deadline.

Exercise 1:

1. by
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10. until

Exercise 2:

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