

By -vs- Until (1 Answers)

By: is for one moment events or situations (no later than/on or before)

I have to get home **by** 7:00, or my mom will get angry.

(getting/arriving somewhere is a one-moment situation)

Until: is for continuing events from some point to a deadline

Bob is on vacation **until** next Monday.

(being on vacation is a continuing situation)

1. I have to get to the drugstore **by** 5:00 if I want to get my medicine before it closes.
2. Please pay the rent **by** the 30th of every month, or there will be a penalty.
3. We are going to be away on holiday **until** next Friday.
4. Tom would like to finish building his pool **by** summer vacation.
5. We will be staying at the hotel in Hawaii **until** Sunday. We have to check out **by** 10:00, so if you need to contact us, call the room **by** then.
6. I'll call you **by** 10:30. So please wait **until** then to decide.
7. I had never eaten raw fish **until** moving to Japan. And now I love it.
8. Henry was out all night fishing **until** 4:00 in the morning but had to get back home **by** dawn to get ready for work.
9. Let me know **by** Wednesday if you can help me move houses.
10. I can't go home **until** I find my car keys, and I've looked everywhere!
11. I'll wait here **until** you get back, but please hurry. The airplane won't wait **until** you get back.
12. I need to send in my telephone bill **by** the 15th.
13. The stores will only remain open **until** 4:00p.m. on Christmas Eve.
14. The electronics store said they'd deliver my new TV **by** 6:00, so I have to wait at home **until** then before I can go anywhere. They probably won't come **until** 5:50!
15. Most stores are closed **until** after the New Year's holiday.
16. I sent you a party invitation for the 24th. Please reply **by** the 10th.
17. The bride needed to be at the church for the wedding **by** 2:00, but there was traffic. Unfortunately, she didn't arrive **until** 2:45. And of course, the wedding couldn't start **until** the bride arrived. So the guests all had to wait **until** then.
18. You said you'd be at the coffee shop **by** noon, but I arrived at 12:10 and sat there waiting **until** after 2 p.m., but you never came!
19. I have to get to the station **by** 12:35 to catch the last train, or I'll have to sleep on a park bench **until** morning.
20. You have **until** 6:00 to finish this report, but I'd like to have it on my desk **by** 4:00 if possible.