

# By -vs- Until (1)

**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)

Choose **by** or **until** for the blank spaces below to make correct sentences:

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