

Time Prepositions (b Answers)

TIME

- at** *exact time* **at** 5:30, **at** noon, **at** night, **at** midnight
in *how long until* **in** 20 minutes, **in** a few hours, **in** a moment
in *when it happens* **in** the morning/afternoon/evening
for *how long- continuing* **for** 3 hours, **for** 15 minutes, **for** the weekend
 We played tennis **for** 6 hours yesterday. → (total playing time was 6 hours)
since *starting point- continuing* **since** I was a child, **since** 4:00
 John has been living in Japan **since** 2010. → (started in 2010 and still here)
until *finishing time (of continuing action)* **until** 9:00, **until** morning
 I was studying **until** 3:00 am. Then I went to bed. → (finished at 3 am)
this *most recent (future or past) event* **this** morning/afternoon/evening
 There *will be* a fireworks show **this** Saturday. → (this *future* Saturday)
 There *was* a fireworks show **this** Saturday, → (this *past* Saturday)

*Fill in the blanks with the correct **time preposition** to finish the sentence:*

1. I always wake up at 5:00 in the morning.
2. There will be a typhoon hitting Tokyo this Friday. Be careful.
3. Our airplane will take off in one hour, at 4:30.
4. Bob worked until 1 am, then went home and went to bed.
5. Shelly has been living in Hawaii since she was 10 years old.
6. The breakfast buffet will start at 7 am. And it will go for 2 and a half hours, from 7:00 until 9:30.
7. Jennifer has worked for her company for 35 years.
8. The bus should be here in a few minutes, at 9:45.
9. There was heavy rain early in morning. It continued raining until 11:15, but the sun finally came out in the afternoon.
10. Everyone has been wearing masks since 2019 because of COVID-19.
11. The hotel check-in time is at 3 pm and check-out time is at 10 am.
12. We have been staying at this hotel for 6 days, since Monday.
13. We will be staying at this hotel until Saturday, then checking out.
14. What are we having for lunch this afternoon?
15. The dinner buffet is open for 3 hours and finishes at 9 pm.
16. Julie always fixes herself a cup of tea in the evening, before bed.
17. Operators are all busy now, but one will be with you in a moment.
18. John only sleeps for about 4 hours a night. He doesn't go to bed at 4 am and always wakes up early in the morning at 8 am.