

COMMON MISTAKES (5)

Accident -vs- Incident / By -vs- Until / Slow -vs- Late
(uncontrolled) (a bad happening) (one moment) (continuing) (speed) (time)
(bad happening) (event) (event)

Use **accident** or **incident** in the spaces below:

1. Sorry I'm late. There was a big car _____ on the highway.
2. There was an _____ on our airplane between drunk passengers. Upon landing, they were arrested because their _____ could have caused a serious _____.
3. A young man was almost killed in a skydiving _____.
4. The FBI is working hard to prevent another terror _____.
5. The large protest march happened without a single _____.
6. I promise that I didn't break your toy on purpose. It was an _____.
7. There was a violent stabbing _____ at the university on Monday.

Use **by** or **until** in the spaces below:

1. I worked all night last night and didn't finish _____ 4 am.
2. We need to get to the station _____ 12:00 or we'll miss the last train.
3. You have _____ February 1st to buy the tickets, but if you get them _____ Jan.15th you get a big discount.
4. We ate so many appetizers, that _____ the time our entrees came we were too full to eat. So I saved mine _____ lunch the next day.
5. You are not allowed to vote _____ you turn 18 years old.
6. I'm out to lunch now, but will be back in the office _____ 1:30.
7. Our store is open _____ 6:00, but get here _____ 5:30 to shop.
8. Joe was a millionaire _____ the time he was 30!

Use **slow** or **late** in the spaces below:

1. Why are you so _____?! You need to walk faster or we'll be _____!
2. I was _____ in paying my rent, so they charged me a \$200 fee.
3. I'm so sorry I'm _____ for our date. The traffic and rain made driving very _____.
4. Kim really enjoys nice _____ days at work because that means she doesn't have to work _____.
5. Young kids often play _____ pitch softball.
6. Jim said he'd be here at 11, but he's always _____.
7. We have time and aren't going to be _____, so _____ down!