

# Until

**1 Up to (the time that)– a specific point in time; preposition, conjunction (ALSO till)**

- Write another sentence with “by”. The new sentence has to relate to the one with “until”.

I was up until three o'clock trying to get it finished!

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We'd better wait until Antony's here.

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**2 Not until- not before a particular time or event**

We didn't eat till past midnight

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Once he starts a decorating job he won't stop until it's finished.

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Don't move until I tell you.

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### **3 Definition- up to (UNTIL) preposition**

#### **ALSO up until, until**

Up to yesterday, we had no idea where the child was.

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### **4 Definition- by (NOT LATER THAN)- no later than a specific point in time – not a conjunction preposition- not later than; at or before:**

**Write another sentence with “until”. The new sentence has to relate to the one with “by”.**

She had promised to be back by five o'clock.

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The application must be in by the 31st to be accepted.

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By the time I got to the station the train had already gone.

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#### **By and Until as prepositions**

We were there by 7 o'clock. (7 or before) We were there until 7 o'clock. (not earlier and

not later)

I had to be there by 8 o'clock. (8 or before) I had to be there until 8 o'clock. (not earlier and not later)

We waited until 6 o'clock, and then we left. (not earlier and not later) The bus had already left by the time we got there. (The bus left before we got there.)

- **until** as a preposition – only up to a specific time or event – not sooner; not later

~~We waited by 6 o'clock, and then we left.~~

**by as a preposition – before a specific time or event – event – by the time**

We got there by 6 o'clock. (6 or before) By the time we got to the bookstore, it was closed. (The bookstore closed before we got there. It was already closed on arrival.)

**until – only used with the occurrence of specific times or events taking place – past, present or future**

~~We got there until 6 o'clock. The bus had already left until we got there.~~

- **until** as a conjunction

We waited inside until the rain stopped. (We stopped waiting at the same time the rain stopped and then went outside for a walk. It wasn't sooner, and it wasn't later.) We waited in the bar until our table was ready. (We sat down at our table when the hostess told us it was ready.)

- **by** – cannot be used as a conjunction

~~We waited inside by the rain stopped. We waited in the bar by our table was ready.~~

Write sentences with “by”.

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Write sentences with “until” used as a preposition.

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Write sentences with “until” used as a conjunction.

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