

Grammar 2 clauses with time expressions; understanding the whole meaning; open cloze

1 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- I'll call you *until / as soon as* we get there.
- Make sure you've got everything ready *before / when* you go.
- We won't be sure *until / as soon as* we get the email.
- I'll tell Mark *when / until* I see him later.
- We need to pay *until / the moment* we book the tickets.
- I can't use the car *until / as soon as* Dad has brought it back from the garage.
- When / Until* you've finished, give me a call.
- Call me *the moment / until* you've got your results.

2 Tick (✓) the sentences where both tenses are possible.

- You can only go out when you *finish / have finished* all your homework. ☐
- They normally call us the moment *they arrive / they've arrived*. ☐
- I'll make you some sandwiches before you *leave / have left*. ☐
- You need to get to the shopping centre as soon as the sales *begin / have begun*. ☐
- Come and say goodbye before you *go / have gone*. ☐
- As soon as they *contact / have contacted* me I'll send you a text. ☐

3 Now choose the correct option in the sentences you didn't tick in Exercise 2.

4 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- She'll only visit us when she *finishes / has finished* painting the house.
- I'll call you when I'm / I'll be ready.
- I take / 'I'll take you to your hotel after you've arrived at the airport.
- They'll send us a copy of the file as soon as they 'I'll download / 've downloaded it.
- Remember to sign the form before you *leave / have left*.
- I'll only come out when I do / 've done all my homework.
- We'll go to Sydney before we *visit / we've visited* Don in Cairns.
- As soon as we hear anything, we *will let / have let* you know.

5 Read the Exam Reminder. Then read and complete the Exam Task.

Exam REMINDER

Understanding the whole meaning

- In the open cloze you have to write a word of your own in each gap.
- Remember to read for the general meaning of the text. Try to understand if the text is about the past, present or future. Use the correct time expressions and verb forms to match the tenses in that part of the text. For example, *I'd already tried the shoes on _____ I bought them*. Firstly, we need a time expression in the gap. Secondly, we know from the tenses that the person tried the shoes on first and then bought them. So, the missing word here is *before*.
- It's important to read the words before and after each gap. In the example above, the words *tried on* and *bought* help you a lot. Don't forget that the word you need is often one part of a fixed phrase or phrasal verb.

Exam TASK

Open cloze

Write one word for each gap.

Party clothes!

It's our end-of-year party at the weekend. As soon ¹ _____ I received the invitation I thought about what to wear. I've got a really nice jacket, but it doesn't go ² _____ the trousers I want to wear. I went to my favourite shopping centre and decided to stay there ³ _____ I found a pair of trousers I really liked. I tried ⁴ _____ at least ten pairs, but they were all ⁵ _____ tight for me. It was nearly 7 p.m. and a few minutes ⁶ _____ the shop closed, I finally found a pair ⁷ _____ looked really good on me.