



## Make sentences with By ....

- 1 We have to be home not later than 5 o'clock.  
We have to be home by 5 o'clock.
- 2 I have to be at the airport not later than 8.30.  
I have to be at the airport .....
- 3 Let me know not later than Saturday whether you can come to the party.  
Let me know .....
- 4 Please make sure that you're here not later than 2 o'clock.  
Please make sure that .....
- 5 If we leave now, we should arrive not later than lunchtime.  
If we leave now, .....

## Put in By or Until

- 1 Steve has gone away. He'll be away until Monday.
- 2 Sorry, but I must go. I have to be home ..... 5 o'clock.
- 3 I've been offered a job. I haven't decided yet whether to accept it or not. I have to decide ..... Friday.
- 4 I think I'll wait ..... Thursday before making a decision.
- 5 It's too late to go shopping. The shops are open only ..... 5.30. They'll be closed ..... now.
- 6 I'd better pay the phone bill. It has to be paid ..... tomorrow.
- 7 Don't pay the bill today. Wait ..... tomorrow.
- 8 A: Have you finished redecorating your house?  
B: Not yet. We hope to finish ..... the end of the week.
- 9 A: I'm going out now. I'll be back at about 10.30. Will you still be here?  
B: I don't think so. I'll probably have gone out ..... then.
- 10 I'm moving into my new flat next week. I'm staying with a friend ..... then.
- 11 I've got a lot of work to do. .... the time I finish, it will be time to go to bed.
- 12 If you want to take part in the competition, you have to apply ..... 3 April.

## Use your own ideas to complete these sentences. Use By or Until

- 1 David is away at the moment. He'll be away until Monday .....
- 2 David is away at the moment. He'll be back by Monday .....
- 3 I'm just going out. I won't be very long. Wait here .....
- 4 I'm going out to buy a few things. It's 4.30 now. I won't be long. I'll be back .....
- 5 If you want to apply for the job, your application must be received .....
- 6 Last night I watched TV .....



## Fill in the blanks with by or until

**By** = not later than; at or before:

**Until** = up to the time that

1. She said she had to work .....4 o' clock.
2. She said she would leave .....4 o' clock.
3. She had promised to be back .....5 o'clock.
4. She asked us to wait ..... 5 o'clock.
5. You have .....the end of the month to finish the project.
6. The project has to be finished .....the end of the month.
7. Peter is only coming back on Monday; he'll be away .....then.
8. Peter has an important meeting on Tuesday, so he has to be back .....then.
9. Maria didn't wake up .....her alarm went off at 6:00.
10. She has to leave her house .....6: 30 or else she'll be late.
11. Mr. Baker hadn't thought about buying a computer ..... his friend got one.
12. The application must be in ..... the 31st to be accepted.
13. I was up ..... 3 o'clock trying to get it finished.
14. Tell me .....Friday if you can come or not.
15. I won't decide ..... you give me an answer.
16. We waited .....5 pm for him to arrive.
17. We left after that because we had to be there .....6pm at the latest.
18. Lula will be president .....Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2010.
19. We hope Lula will have made a lot of good changes .....Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2010.
20. We'll have to wait ..... then to see if the changes are made or not.