

# Grammar 2

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

## 1 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

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

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

- 1 You can only go out when you finish / have finished all your homework.
- 2 They normally call us the moment they arrive / they've arrived.
- 3 I'll make you some sandwiches before you leave / have left.
- 4 You need to get to the shopping centre as soon as the sales begin / have begun.
- 5 Come and say goodbye before you go / have gone.
- 6 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.

- 1 She'll only visit us when she finishes / has finished painting the house.
- 2 I'll call you when I'm / I'll be ready.
- 3 I take / 'll take you to your hotel after you've arrived at the airport.
- 4 They'll send us a copy of the file as soon as they 'll download / 've downloaded it.
- 5 Remember to sign the form before you leave / have left.
- 6 I'll only come out when I do / 've done all my homework.
- 7 We'll go to Sydney before we visit / we've visited Don in Cairns.
- 8 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 <sup>1</sup>  I received the invitation I thought about what to wear. I've got a really nice jacket, but it doesn't go <sup>2</sup>  the trousers I want to wear. I went to my favourite shopping centre and decided to stay there <sup>3</sup>  I found a pair of trousers I really liked. I tried <sup>4</sup>  at least ten pairs, but they were all <sup>5</sup>  tight for me. It was nearly 7 p.m. and a few minutes <sup>6</sup>  the shop closed, I finally found a pair <sup>7</sup>  looked really good on me.