

EXAM FOCUS

Time expressions

Notices and short messages often mention specific times or periods of time. Understanding time expressions can help you decide what the notice or message means.

Please switch off phones **during** singing practice.

We will practise **until** 7 p.m.

Practice takes place **from** two o'clock **till** four every day.

The hall is closed **between** 4 p.m. **and** 6 p.m.

The results of the final vote are **due** in about ten minutes.

You need to sign up for classes by Wednesday **at the latest**.

Please help yourselves to tea and coffee **while** we wait.

Please return the books **by** Friday.



6 Read the Exam focus. Then read the pairs of sentences. Decide if they have the same meaning (S) or a different meaning (D).

- 1 A The ticket office is open daily between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m.
B The ticket office is open from ten in the morning till nine at night every day.
- 2 A Please wait outside while the band is practising.
B Do not come in until the band  has finished practising.
- 3 A Festival tickets will not be available until 21 June.
B You cannot buy festival tickets after 21 June.
- 4 A Hurry up – our taxi will be here  in five minutes!
B Our taxi is five minutes late.
- 5 A Wait until your flight is announced before going to your departure gate. 
B Make sure you are already at your departure gate when your flight is announced.
- 6 A Please switch off all phones during the performance.
B You shouldn't keep your phone switched on while the performance is happening.
- 7 A Please let me know your decision by Friday.
B Please decide before Friday at the latest.
- 8 A Wait until the light has come on before opening the door.
B Don't open the door when the light is on.

7 Look at the four notices and messages on the right.
Match each one to the correct description.

- A an advert for a future event
- B a message to a friend about a trip
- C a notice in a music shop
- D a sign at a music concert

EXAM TASK

8 Look at the notices and messages again. For each question, choose the correct answer.

1

DOORS CLOSE AT 7:30.

People who arrive late will not be allowed in until the interval.

- A The audience cannot go to their seats before 7:30.
- B If you arrive late, you can only see the second half of the concert.
- C The concert will start at a later time tonight.

2

Tony,

Max rang. He can't come to the music festival with us next month. Can you ask Anna by Friday if she wants his ticket?

Lea

- A Lea wants Tony to buy tickets for a music festival on Friday.
- B Lea wants Tony to call Max about the music festival.
- C Lea wants Tony to invite Anna to the festival before Friday.

3

MATTHEW BLUNT IN CONCERT

24 June | Tickets available from 24 May

Up to four tickets per person | Online booking only

- A You cannot buy more than four tickets.
- B 24 May is the last day for buying tickets.
- C You cannot buy tickets on the internet.

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SPECIAL OFFER

This weekend only!

Free case when you spend £100 or more on a guitar.

- A You can get a free guitar bag worth £100.
- B The offer only lasts for a short time.
- C All prices are reduced this weekend.

Speaking or writing

- 9 Work in groups. Talk about a music event you went to, or an event you would like to go to. Talk about these things.

the event (where, when) the type of music
the people you went with the best things about the event

- 10 Write a short message to a friend about a music event you would like to go to. Invite your friend to come with you.