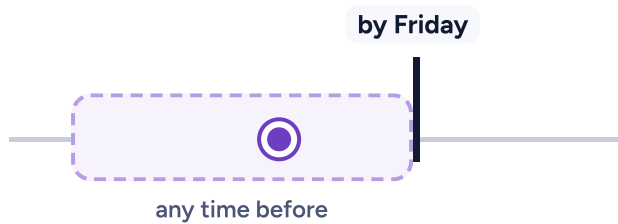


By vs Until

Use **by** for a deadline: the action happens at some point before then. *Send it by Friday.* Use **until** for a situation that continues all the time up to then: *I'll be away until Friday.*

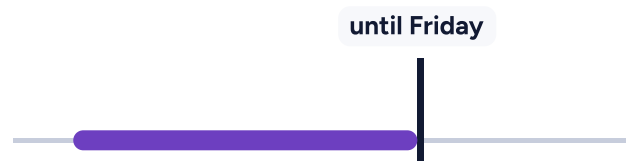
BY · A DEADLINE

Please send the report **by Friday**.



UNTIL · ALL THE WAY UP TO

I'll be working on the report **until Friday**.



1. Choose the right answer Circle a or b.

- The essay must be submitted _____ Monday.
a) until b) by
- We stayed at the party _____ 2 am.
a) until b) by
- I'll have finished the report _____ Friday.
a) by b) until
- The museum is open _____ 5 pm.
a) by b) until
- Can you let me know _____ tomorrow?
a) by b) until

2. Correct the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

1. Please reply until Monday.

2. I'll wait for you by 8.

3. I have to finish this until tomorrow.

3. Your turn

Write two sentences about your own life: one with **By** and one with **Until**. Then explain the difference to a partner.

See the rule move

The full lesson, with more pictures, examples and a quiz that checks your answers, is free at clarigram.app/compare/by-vs-until

By vs Until

1. Choose the right answer

1. **b) by** Submitting happens once, before the deadline.
2. **a) until** Staying continued up to 2 am.
3. **a) by** Finished at some point before Friday.
4. **b) until** Being open continues up to 5 pm.
5. **a) by** Letting someone know happens once, before the deadline.

2. Correct the mistake

1. **Please reply by Monday.** Replying happens once, before the deadline.
2. **I'll wait for you until 8.** Waiting continues the whole time up to 8.
3. **I have to finish this by tomorrow.** Finishing is a single action before a deadline.

3. Your turn

Answers will vary. Check that each sentence follows the rule on page 1, or paste them into Clarigram to have them checked.