

# 'BY' vs 'UNTIL'

## EXPLANATION

- 🕒 **By** = before or at a deadline (finished before a time)
  - Example: I will finish my homework **by 8 p.m.**
- 🕒 **Until** = continuing up to a time (continues and stops at that time)
  - Example: I will study **until 8 p.m.**

## A. CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD (BY / UNTIL)

1. The manager needs the report \_\_\_\_\_ Monday.
2. The factory will operate \_\_\_\_\_ 8 p.m. today.
3. We must ship the filters \_\_\_\_\_ the end of the week.
4. The workers stayed at the factory \_\_\_\_\_ midnight.
5. Please complete the safety check \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow morning.
6. The meeting continued \_\_\_\_\_ lunchtime.
7. We need to finish production \_\_\_\_\_ Friday.
8. The office is open \_\_\_\_\_ 5:30 p.m.
9. The engineers worked \_\_\_\_\_ late evening.
10. The company must deliver 500 filters \_\_\_\_\_ next Tuesday.

## B. CHOOSE THE CORRECT MEANING

1. "I will finish this by 7 p.m."
  - a. I finish before or at 7
  - b. I continue until 7
2. "I will work until 7 p.m."
  - a. I finish before 7.
  - b. I continue working until 7.
3. "She will arrive by noon."
  - a. She arrives after noon
  - b. She arrives before or at noon
4. "We stayed until 10 p.m."
  - a. We left before 10.
  - b. We stayed and left at 10.

## C. SENTENCE MATCHING

Match the sentence halves.

1. We must complete the order
  2. The workers stayed at the factory
  3. All student must complete the homework
  4. The production line will run
- a. until 10 p.m.
  - b. by the next lesson.
  - c. until the evening shift ends.
  - d. by Friday.

## D. ERROR CORRECTION

Each sentence has a mistake. Correct it.

1. We must finish this order until Friday.
2. The factory is open by 6 p.m.
3. Please send the report until noon.
4. The workers stayed by midnight.

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## ANSWER KEY

### A. CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD (BY / UNTIL)

1. by
2. until
3. by
4. until
5. by
6. until
7. by
8. until
9. until
10. by

### B. CHOOSE THE CORRECT MEANING

1. A
2. B
3. B
4. B

### C. SENTENCE MATCHING

1. D
2. A
3. B
4. C

### D. ERROR CORRECTION

1. We must finish this order ~~until~~ **by** Friday.
2. The factory is open ~~by~~ **until** 6 p.m.
3. Please send the report ~~until~~ **by** noon.
4. The workers stayed ~~by~~ **until** midnight.