

Unit 116

1 Make sentences with **by**.

Example: I have to be at home not later than 5 o'clock.

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- 1 I have to be at the airport not later than 10.30.
I have to be at the airport
- 2 Let me know not later than Saturday whether you can come to the party.
Let me know
- 3 Please make sure that you are here not later than 2 o'clock.
Please
- 4 If you want to do the examination, you have to enter not later than 3 April.
If
- 5 If we leave now, we should be in London not later than lunchtime.
If

2 In this exercise you have to put in **by** or **until**.

Examples: Tom has gone away. He'll be away *until* Monday.

Sorry, but I must go. I have to be at home *by* 5 o'clock.

- 1 I've been offered a job. I haven't decided yet whether to accept it or not. I have to decide Thursday.
- 2 I think I'll wait Thursday before making a decision.
- 3 A: I hear you're writing a book. Have you finished it yet?
B: Not quite, but I hope to finish it the end of this month.
- 4 A: I'm going out now. I'll be back at 4.30. Will you still be here?
B: I don't think so. I'll probably have gone then.
- 5 I'm moving into my new flat next week. I'm staying with some friends then.
- 6 A: Do you think I'll still be unemployed this time next year?
B: No, of course not. I'm sure you'll have found a job that time.

3 Read these situations and then complete the sentences using **By the time...**

Example: Tom was invited to a party but he got there much later than he intended.

By the time he got to the party, most of the guests had left.

- 1 I had to catch a train but it took me longer than expected to get to the station.
....., my train had left.
 - 2 I saw two men who looked as if they were trying to steal a car. So I called the police. But it was some time before the police arrived.
....., the two men had disappeared.
 - 3 A man escaped from the prison last night. It was a long time before the guards discovered what had happened.
....., the escaped prisoner was miles away.
 - 4 I intended to go shopping after finishing my work. But I finished my work much later than expected.
....., it was too late to go shopping.
- B: Not quite, but I hope to finish it the end of this month.
- 4 A: I'm going out now. I'll be back at 4.30. Will you still be here?