

Intermediate 3
Unit 8: Grammar
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Prepositions

preposition / ,prepə'zɪʃn/ = a word or group of words, such as *in, from, to, out of* and *on behalf of*, used before a noun or pronoun to show place, position, time or method

in +
Village: *in Abyaneh, in Woodstock, in Castle Combe*
City: *in Tehran, in New York City, in London*
Province: *in Khuzestan, in Alberta, in British Columbia*
State: *in Florida, in California, in Maine*
Country: *in Iran, in the United States of America, in England*
Continent: *in Asia, in Africa, in Europe, in Oceania*

on + Street/Road

- *on Azadi Street*
- *on Pine Street*
- *on Jefferson Boulevard*
- *on Madison Avenue*
- *on Tulip Alley*
- *on Tehran-Karaj Freeway*
- *on first street*

at + Number of a Building

- *I live at 20 Pine Street.*
- *Britain's Prime Minister works at 10 Downing Street.*

By vs. Until

The words “by” and “until” are both used to talk about time, but they have different meanings and uses:

By

- **Meaning:** “By” indicates a deadline or a specific point in time when something must be completed.
- **Usage:** It means “not later than” a certain time.
- **Example:** “Please submit your report by 5 PM.” (The report must be submitted at or before 5 PM.)

Until

- **Meaning:** “Until” refers to the continuation of an action or state up to a certain point in time.
- **Usage:** It marks the end of a period during which something happens.
- **Example:** “I will wait until 5 PM.” (I will keep waiting up to 5 PM, and then I will stop.)

Key Differences between “By” and “Until”

Deadline vs. Duration:

“By” sets a deadline, while “until” describes the duration up to a specific time.

Completion vs. Continuation:

“By” focuses on the completion of an action, whereas “until” focuses on the continuation of an action or state.

More Examples:

*The mechanic will be repairing the car **until** 2 pm.*

The mechanic is repairing the car now. The repair will continue up to 2 pm. He will stop his work at 2 pm. Probably the car won't be ready before that time and the mechanic will need more time to finish the repair.

In this sentence, the process is important for us.

*The mechanic will have repaired the car **by** 2 pm.*

The car will be ready before 2 pm.

In this sentence, the result is important for us.

*We will be at the office **until** noon.*

Now we are at the office. We will continue being at the office up to 12 noon. We will leave the office at noon.

*We will be at the office **by** noon.*

Now we are not at the office. But we will arrive at the office before noon.

Sample Question:

The watchmaker promised to mend my watch _____ the end of the week.

- a. since b. by c. until d. for

The Right Answer: b

_____ the time this letter reaches you, I will have left the country.

- a. For b. Until c. By d. Since

The Right Answer: c

You can stay out _____ ten o'clock.

- a. for b. until c. by d. on

The Right Answer: b

You have to come back home _____ ten o'clock.

- a. for b. until c. by d. on

The Right Answer: by

from to = from until /till

Our online class is **from** 6:30 pm **until** 8 pm.

Jack works in a fast-food restaurant from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

for + Duration

The students should attend the class **for** 90 minutes.

Mr. Williams has been giving a lecture **for** half an hour.

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