

120.1 Complete the sentences with **by**.

- We have to be home not later than 5 o'clock.
We have to be home by 5 o'clock.
- I have to be at the airport not later than 8.30.
I have to be at the airport
- Let me know not later than Saturday whether you can come to the party.
..... whether you can come to the party.
- Please make sure that you're here not later than 2 o'clock.
Please make sure that
- If we leave now, we should arrive not later than lunchtime.
If we leave now,

120.2 Put in **by** or **until**.

- Steve has gone away. He'll be away until until Monday.
- Sorry, but I must go. I have to be home 5 o'clock.
- I've been offered a job. I haven't decided yet whether to accept it or not. I have to decide Friday.
- I think I'll wait Thursday before making a decision.
- It's too late to go shopping. The shops are open only 5.30 today. They'll be closed now.
- I need to pay the phone bill. It has to be paid tomorrow.
- Don't pay the bill today. Wait tomorrow.
- A: Have you finished redecorating your house?
B: Not yet. We hope to finish the end of the week.
- A: I'm going out now. I'll be back at about 10.30. Will you still be here?
B: I don't think so. I'll probably have gone out then.
- I'm moving into my new flat next week. I'm staying with a friend then.
- I've got a lot of work to do. the time I finish, it will be time to go to bed.
- If you want to take part in the competition, you have to apply 3 April.

120.3 Use your own ideas to complete these sentences. Use **by** or **until**.

- David is away at the moment. He'll be away until Monday
- David is away at the moment. He'll be back by Monday
- I'm just going out. I won't be very long. Wait here
- I'm going out to buy a few things. It's 4.30 now. I won't be long. I'll be back
- If you want to apply for the job, your application must be received
- Last night I watched TV

120.4 Read the situations and complete the sentences using **By the time** ...

- I was invited to a party, but I got there much later than I intended.
By the time I got to the party , most of the other guests had left.
- I intended to catch a train, but it took me longer than expected to get to the station.
..... , my train had already left.
- I wanted to go shopping after finishing my work. But I finished much later than expected.
..... , it was too late to go shopping.
- I saw two men who looked as if they were trying to steal a car. I called the police, but it was some time before they arrived.
..... , the two men had disappeared.
- We climbed a mountain and it took us a very long time to get to the top. There wasn't much time to enjoy the view.
..... , we had to come down again.