

## UNIT 12

## until, till

'until' and 'till' are used in the same manner. They are used to show that an action or event will begin only when an earlier action or event ends.

'until' can sometimes be used to begin a sentence. However, 'till' is usually used in the middle of a sentence.

**Example A**

I will wait here for Mary to turn up.

**Answer 1**

I will wait here **until** Mary turns up.

**Answer 2**

I will wait here **till** Mary turns up.

**NOTE:**

Both answers are almost identical. Note that the word 'turn' in the given sentence has been changed to 'turns'. This is necessary as 'to' has been left out and 'turns' now follows the singular *Mary*.

**Example B**

We will buy new books. You have to finish reading all your old books first.

**Answer**

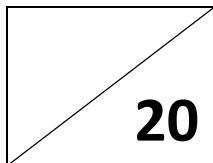
**Until** you finish reading all your old books, we will not buy new ones.

**NOTE:**

In some cases, such as Example B, the opposite information is given in the answer for part of the sentence. In this case, the answer has to reflect the information that the old books have to be read before new books can be bought.

**EXERCISE**

For each question, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

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1. The bears will wake from hibernation when spring arrives.

\_\_\_\_\_ until

2. Only when you finish your work can you watch television.

\_\_\_\_\_ until

3. Mother only knew that we cooked her breakfast when she entered the kitchen.

\_\_\_\_\_ till

4. Mandy pestered Father with her request. Father gave in at last.

\_\_\_\_\_ until

\*5. Once I start the clock, start singing. You can only stop singing when time runs out.

\_\_\_\_\_ till

6. It is night now. The sun will rise tomorrow.

\_\_\_\_\_ till

7. Let the cake cool before you ice it

\_\_\_\_\_ until

8. Nathan refuses to leave the room. You have to accept his apology first.

Until \_\_\_\_\_

9. Thomas will not give up. Thomas is determined to get to the bottom of the mystery.

Until \_\_\_\_\_

\*10. The boys had no choice but to stop swimming when the sudden downpour started.

\_\_\_\_\_ until