

Duration and deadlines, the Polish do – by and until

Look at the sentences in **bold** and answer the questions:

Welcome to the Hilton. How long will you be staying?

...until Friday

Is this describing a length of time or a deadline?

We have to check out by 11 o'clock

Is this describing a length of time or a deadline?

I have to work until five o'clock

Is this describing a length of time or a deadline?

I have to finish this report by 11 o'clock

Is this describing a length of time or a deadline?

I have to wait until 11 before I can submit this report

Is this describing a length of time or a deadline?

I am going to work on this report until at least 11 o'clock

Is this describing a length of time or a deadline?

Can you get here by 11 o'clock?

Is this describing a length of time or a deadline?

I will be there by 11 o'clock

Is this describing a length of time or a deadline?

I will be there until 11 o'clock

Is this describing a length of time or a deadline?

I didn't realise how lucky I was until I lost my job

Is this describing when this realisation came or a deadline?

I will be playing tennis by 11 o'clock | I will be playing tennis until 11 o'clock

Which of these describes the latest starting time, and which describes the finishing time?

Provide the missing word in the sentences in **bold** according to the instructions:

Welcome to the Hilton. How long will you be staying?

...[---] Friday

Fill in so that it describes a length of time

We have to check out [---] 11 o'clock

Fill in so that it describes a deadline

I have to work [---] five o'clock

Fill in so that it describes a length of time

I have to finish this report [---] 11 o'clock

Fill in so that it describes a deadline

I have to wait [---] 11 before I can submit this report

Fill in so that it describes a length of time

I am going to work on this report [---] at least 11 o'clock

Fill in so that it describes a length of time

Can you get here [---] 11 o'clock?

Fill in so that it describes a deadline

I will be there [---] 11 o'clock

Fill in so that it describes a deadline

I will be there [---] 11 o'clock

Fill in so that it describes a length of time

I didn't realise how lucky I was [---] I lost my job

Fill in so that it describes when this realisation came

I will be playing tennis [---] 11 o'clock

Fill in so that it describes the latest starting time

I will be playing tennis [---] 11 o'clock

Fill in so that it describes the finishing time