

# FROM ... TO, BY, BY THE TIME, UNTIL/TILL, TO, YET & SO FAR

## From...to/until/till

- **From** Here **To** Eternity (film 1953)
- **From** beginning **to** end.
- **From** top **to** bottom.
- Stuart lived in Gibraltar **from** 1979 **to/until/till** 1982.
- Stuart lived in Gibraltar **until/till** 1982.
- Wait here **till/until** I return.
- I will be out of the office **until/till** 30.8.15./Sunday/the end of next week.

**Until/till** (conjunction) describes *how long a situation continues up to a time indicated*:

- Let's wait **till/until** *we get the results* before panicking.
- Let's wait **till/until** *it stops snowing* before going out.
- I have a contract **till/until** 31.12.15. (*I will leave the company on this date*)
- Katherina remained in the office **till/until** 9 pm. (she left at 9 pm)
- I stayed in bed **till/until** *midday*. I was feeling sick.

We can often use either *until* or *before* when a situation continues until a point indicated in the *adverbial clause*:

- I had to wait three years **before/until/till** *I received my first pay rise*.

We use **till/until** when the *adverbial clause* describes the result of an action in the main clause:

- He brushed his teeth **till/until** *his gums bled* ('bleeding' is the result of 'brushing').

Note: 'till' is considered informal.

**By** (+ a time) = not later than

- I posted the document yesterday, so he should receive it **by** Tuesday. (*on or before Tuesday but not later than Tuesday*)

- Let's go! We have to be there **by** 12 o'clock. (= at or before 12 o'clock but not later than 12 o'clock)
- Where is he? He's late. He should have been here **by** now. (= now or before now)
- Sell-**by** date: 31.09.15.

### So far...

- So far, I understand absolutely nothing.
- The story so far...

### Yet (= until now) adverb

Used only in questions and negative sentences and is found normally at the end of a sentence, It demonstrates something is going to happen e.g.:

- I haven't finished yet. (... but I will soon)
- Is it lunchtime yet? No, not yet.
- I don't know yet what I'm going to do today.

### Yet (= still)

- I have yet to meet the man of my dreams.
- I have still to meet the man of my dreams.

### Yet (as a sentence connector to connect one sentence with a previous sentence)

- I would like to do it. Yet I haven't the time. (= nevertheless; in spite of that)

### Yet (as a conjunction to connect clauses within a single sentence)

- I couldn't remember meeting her before, yet her face seemed familiar.
- It was cold and dark outside, yet I was eager to set off.
- It is OK, yet it could be better.

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