

Confusing words

part III

by

If something happens by a particular time, it happens at or before that time. It is often used to indicate a deadline.

For example: You have to finish by August 31.

until

Until (till) tells us how long a situation continues. If something happens until a particular time, you stop doing it at that time.

For example: I will be away until Wednesday.



Complete the sentences.

1. Don't worry, you will get your books _____ **by** Thursday.
2. I'd better pay the phone bill. It has to be paid _____ **by** tomorrow.
3. She is very busy this week. She has to finish this report _____ **by** Wednesday at the latest.
4. They hope to build the offices _____ **by** March next year.
5. She is very busy. She won't have time _____ **until** Friday.
6. Dave will be on holiday _____ **until** Monday.
7. Yesterday he stayed in bed _____ **until** 12:00.
8. You will need to hand your project in _____ **by** the end of next week.



childish

Childish means behaving in a silly and annoying way, like a small child.

*For example: Don't be so **childish!***

childlike

Childlike means having positive qualities that are typical of a child, such as innocence and eagerness.

*For example: Christmas always fills her with **childlike** excitement.*



Complete the sentences.

1. It was very _____ of you to hit the waiter.
childish
2. Though she was old, her _____ innocence charmed everyone.
childlike
3. I envy my boss her _____ trust in others.
childlike
4. We're tired of their _____ games.
childish
5. I wish politicians would stop this _____ name-calling.
childish



cure

Cure means to make someone with an illness healthy again.

*For example: Many types of cancer can now be **cured**.*

heal

Heal means to become healthy again, especially by using natural powers (or when the problem goes away by itself).

*For example: The wounds were gradually **healing**.*

treat

Treat means to try to cure an illness or injury by using drugs, hospital care, operations, etc.

*For example: Malaria can be **treated** with drugs.*



Complete the sentences.

1. The wound took a long time to _____ **heal**.
2. Vitamin K is needed by the body for _____ **healing** cuts.
3. It was difficult to _____ **treat** patients because of a shortage of medicine.
4. At one time the doctors couldn't _____ **cure** TB.
5. The injury was _____ **treated** with an antiseptic.
6. "This will _____ **cure** your rheumatism," he said.

