

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_ cuts.  
healing
3. It was difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ patients because of a shortage of  
treat  
medicine.
4. At one time the doctors couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ TB.  
cure
5. The injury was \_\_\_\_\_ with an antiseptic.  
treated
6. "This will \_\_\_\_\_ your rheumatism," he said.  
cure

