Before, after, by the time and until

Until: una actividad hasta su final

Until significa hasta que delante de una oración con persona y verbo: waited until the door opened, esperó hasta que se abrió la puerta. La actividad dura hasta ese punto. También sirve para un resultado conseguido tras continuar: stirred until the sugar dissolved, removió hasta que se disolvió el azúcar. Aquí practicamos ese final de una actividad. Before solo dice antes; no expresa por sí solo que se mantenga hasta el final.

Ejemplo resuelto

I stirred the tea ____ the sugar dissolved. → I stirred the tea until the sugar dissolved.

Removí el té hasta que se disolvió el azúcar.

Completa con until para indicar hasta cuándo continúa la actividad.

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03. Dad held the ladder _____ I reached the ground.

04. The tailor sewed _____ the last button was in place.

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06. I listened _____ the speaker finished her story.

07. I kneaded the dough _____ it felt smooth.

08. The dog barked _____ its owner came back.

09. The children sat quietly _____ the teacher returned.

10. The bus waited _____ the last passenger got on.

11. Tom sanded the wood _____ it felt smooth.

12. We walked _____ we reached the lake.

13. We waited at the gate _____ the guard opened it.

14. I rubbed the mark _____ it disappeared.

15. The workers dug _____ they reached solid rock.

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Continuación: ejercicios 21-40. Completa con until para indicar hasta cuándo continúa la actividad.

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22. We kept stirring _____ the sauce thickened.

23. Dad polished his shoes _____ they shone.

24. Anna kept trying _____ she opened the jar.

25. She mixed the paint _____ the color was even.

26. Mom boiled the potatoes _____ they were soft.

27. I heated the soup _____ it was hot enough to serve.

28. We stayed indoors _____ the storm ended.

29. Anna dried her hair _____ it was completely dry.

30. Anna read _____ her eyes felt tired.

31. We practiced the song _____ we could sing it without looking.

32. We soaked the beans _____ they became soft.

33. We worked on the puzzle _____ every piece was in place.

34. We stayed at the park _____ it began to get dark.

35. Dad watered the plant _____ water came out of the bottom of the pot.

36. Anna practiced the steps _____ she could dance without help.

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Soluciones

Frases con el hueco completado. La respuesta aparece en negrita.

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