

AS FAR AS UNTIL UP TO

INDICATING LIMITS or BOUNDARIES

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exercises

AS FAR AS

used to describe physical distances or limits

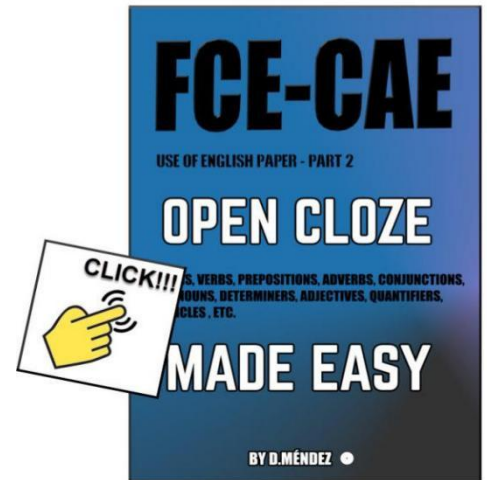
- We walked as far as the lake.
- I can see as far as the mountains from here.

used to indicate the limit of something in a more figurative sense, such as knowledge, understanding, or ability.

- His parents supported him as far as they could.
- As far as I know, he is still living in Paris.
- There's been no change, as far as I can tell.

used to talk about how much progress has been made in doing or achieving something.

- I read as far as the third chapter.
- We've got as far as planning, but haven't taken action yet.



UNTIL

also till or 'til (informal) - It is used to indicate the point in time up to which something happens or continues.

- We played chess until midnight.
- The film didn't end till eleven o'clock.

We use from with until or till to talk about when something begins and when it ends:

- I worked out at the gym from 6 pm till 7.30 pm.

COMMON MISTAKES

We don't use until to talk about distance. We use as far as:

- Larry drove me as far as the shop and I walked the rest of the way home.

Not: Larry drove me ~~until~~ the shop ...

We don't use until to talk about quantity or numbers. We use up to:

- The taxi can take up to five people. **Not:** The taxi can take ~~until~~ five people.

UP TO

(also up until something) - used both to specify a limit or range with quantities, and to indicate the endpoint of a range or limit in space, time or level.

- Read up to page 100. / Up to now he's been very quiet.
- The snow was piled up to the roof.
- The restaurant serves breakfast up to 10 am.
- We can teach dancers up to intermediate level here.