

Lesson 50

Not a moment too soon

1.	I can't stand – Nie znoszę / I don't mind – Nie przeszkadza mi			
comment	rain	snow	sight	smoke
komentarz	deszcz	śnieg	widok	dym

I can't stand the sight of blood. I could never be a doctor or a nurse. /I don't mind traveling at night. In fact, I like it. The traffic is not so bad at night. /I can't stand working on Sunday. I can't stand getting up early on Sunday, either. /I don't mind when people ask me personal questions. That doesn't mean that I will answer them. /I can't stand it when people look at the time during a meeting. It's like saying, "I don't want to listen to this. It's boring."

Add sentence beginnings: use *I don't mind, I can't stand* or *I like*.

work on Saturday/pop music	I don't mind working on Saturday.
drive in heavy traffic/heavy rain	I can't stand driving in heavy rain.
the sight of blood/crowded beaches	I don't mind the sight of blood.
stupid comments about me	I can't stand stupid comments...
traveling at night/the smell of cigarette smoke	_____

2.	until	by	some/any time soon
	do, dopóki	do	w najbliższym czasie

Używaj *by* aby wskazać termin ukończenia/wykonania jakiejś pracy, czynności.
Używaj *until* aby powiedzieć do kiedy będzie trwała jakaś czynność, lub będzie istniał określony stan.

I will send the email by noon. – Wyślę email najpóźniej do 12.
I'm going to work until noon. – Będę pracował do 12.

50.01► Patrick My friends are going on a trip to Rome next weekend. They want me and my wife to go with them. Hmm... I'm not sure if we want to go. I have to think about it. I don't have much time, though. It's a last-minute deal. Until this morning I didn't know anything about it, but I have to make a decision by tomorrow morning. My friends have to make reservations by 1 pm tomorrow. It's a difficult decision. Let me think... Hmm... I really don't know. The trip is quite expensive. I have to talk to my wife, first. I will call her but not now. She's having a class until three o'clock. "Don't call me until three," she said this morning when we were still at home.

Correct Patrick's words and answer the questions.

My friends are going on a trip to Paris. They're going on a trip to Rome.

I didn't know about it until now. ...until this morning.

I have to make a decision by tomorrow afternoon.

The trip is quite cheap. The trip is quite expensive.

My wife is having a meeting until three o'clock.

Will you be here until...? Yes, I will be here until 6:15.

Will we finish our class by...? Yes, we'll finish our class by 6:15.

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| 3. | all
cały | for
przez | for five minutes/for an hour/for two years | all afternoon/all day/all week/all summer |
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We have plenty of work this month. Sometimes we work all day long. We're busy for hours, and we can't take a break. I'm tired of it. I can't work this hard all the time. I'm taking a vacation next week. I'm going away for six days. /Angie was really hungry all afternoon. She talked about food all the time. She's taking all her friends out to dinner after class. /All the family is coming home for the holidays. They will all be here from Friday to Sunday. Some of them are coming on Thursday. They will be here for four days.

Did you (will you) stay at home all weekend? No, I didn't stay at home all weekend.
What did/will you do?

Will you be away all weekend?

Do some people sit in front of the computer all the time? Yes, some people sit in front of the computer all the time.

How long were you on your summer vacation? I was on vacation for two weeks.

How long were you here last time? I was here for 45 minutes.

Did you work all morning yesterday?

Do you sometimes work/study all day? Are you going to study all evening tomorrow?

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| 4. | I'm glad
cieszę się | done deal
to już przesądzone | kindergarten
przedszkole | miss school
opuszczać lekcje | sightseeing
zwiedzanie |
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50.02► **Patrick** So we're going to Rome. It's a done deal—we have reservations. All three of us are going. I mean we're taking our daughter, Meg, with us. No, she won't miss school because she doesn't go to school yet. She's six years old, remember? She's still in kindergarten. Well, I'm glad that she's going with us, but I'm a little worried. I mean it's a sightseeing trip, and there will be a lot of walking. Meg is just a little kid. The bus journey will also be tiring. We will spend five days in Rome and two days on the bus. It will be a long journey.

Correct Patrick's words and answer the questions.

*We're taking our son to Rome. We're taking our daughter to Rome.
She will miss school. She won't miss school.*

*I'm glad that we are going without our
daughter.* _____

*It's a sightseeing trip so we won't walk a
lot.* _____

*We will spend five days on the bus and two
days in Rome.* _____

Do you like to do some sightseeing on your vacation?

5. SPEAKING

Did you go to kindergarten? What do you remember about it? Say a few sentences; try to answer the following questions: What do you remember about other children in your group? Do you still have contact with any of them? Do you remember the teachers? What were the meals like? Did you go on trips? What games did you play?

6.	fantastic	excellent	wonderful	awful	greenery
	fantastyczny	doskonały	cudowny	okropny	zieleń

50.03► **Melissa** I live in a big city now. I moved here half a year ago. It's a big change for me. Everything is so different from where I lived. What I don't like about living here is the traffic. It can be horrible sometimes, especially in the morning when people drive their kids to school. If you ask me about the weather, I must say it's very nice. It's warm in the summer, and the winters aren't very cold. It's May now. For me, it's the most wonderful time of the year with lots of greenery and flowers everywhere. Unfortunately, this week the weather is awful. It's windy and rainy most of the time. I hope it will change soon. Anyway, did I tell you that I have a new job? My office is in the tallest building in the city, on the 35th floor. The view is fantastic. There's a cafeteria above my office on the 36th floor where I often go to eat lunch. They serve excellent lasagna.

*What doesn't Melissa like about the city? She doesn't like the traffic.
What does she say about the weather? She says the weather...*

*How is the weather this week? What is the most
wonderful time of the year in her opinion?* _____

Where is her office?

Where is the cafeteria? What do they serve? _____

7.	in the middle w/na środku	on the corner na rogu	for sale na sprzedaż	location lokalizacja	rent wynajmować
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50.04► **Melissa** I'm really glad that we moved here. It was a good decision. We're renting an apartment, but we're thinking of buying a house now. We're a family of four and my kids are three and seven, so a house with a yard will be a wonderful thing. Buying one shouldn't be hard: there are plenty of homes for sale in the city. I hope to find one close to my kids' school. Actually, there is a home for sale not far from where the school is. I went to see it last week. What's it like? Um... it's quite big, and it has a nice backyard with a play area in the middle of it. The price is not bad, either. However, I don't like the location very much. You see, it's on the corner of a busy street. It's not really quiet there. I'm not sure if we will buy it.

Correct the information and answer the questions.

Melissa is renting a house now. She's renting an apartment.

There aren't many homes for sale in the city. _____

There's a house for sale close to her office. _____

She went to see it today. _____

The house is on the corner of a quiet street. _____

Melissa is sure they will buy the house. _____

What's on the corner of your street?

What's in the middle of your backyard/living room?

8. 50.05► CONVERSATION

get dressed – ubrać się **have a talk** – porozmawiać **then** – wtedy

Ashlyn: Hello John. Can we have a talk?

John: Ashlyn, I'm in the middle of something. Can I call you back in... say... fifteen minutes?

Ashlyn: Sorry. My dance class starts in fifteen minutes.

John: Oh. How long will it be?

Ashlyn: Just an hour, until 6:30.

John: Okay, so I'll call you then.

Ashlyn: Well, after class I always take a shower and then I have to get dressed so...

John: Right. So, call me when you're ready, okay?

Ashlyn: All right, I'll call you about a quarter to seven. Is that fine?

John: It is. But not later than that. The basketball game starts at seven. I want to watch it. Anyway, what do you want to talk about?