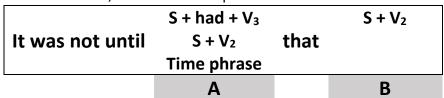
NOT UNTIL

When A happened before B, we use: *It was not until A ... that B...*. We use Past Simple/Past Perfect for A, and Past Simple for B. Sometimes, A can be a Time phrase.



Example: They finally locked the door after the last customer had left.

It was not until the last customer had left that they finally locked the door.

After the course, he finally knew how to work with Excel sheets.

It was not until after the course that he finally knew how to work with Excel sheets. _____

Example: They finally locked the door after the last customer had left.

Not until the last customer had left DID THEY FINALLY LOCK the door.

After the course, he finally knew how to work with Excel sheets.

Not until after the course DID HE FINALLY KNOW how to work with Excel sheets.

Similar rules apply when we use **Not until** in the future. We use Present Perfect/Present Simple for A, and modal verbs for B.

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	Time phrase	
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Example: You can leave when the next-shift staff takes over.

Not until the next-shift staff takes over CAN YOU LEAVE.

Once we're done with this, we will move onto the next section.

Not until we're done with this WILL WE MOVE onto the next section.

Not until can also be replaced by Only when/Only after/Only once.

Example: You can leave when the next-shift staff takes over.

Only when the next-shift staff takes over CAN YOU LEAVE.

Once we're done with this, we will move onto the next section.

Only once we're done with this WILL WE MOVE onto the next section.