

Adverb Clauses of Time: Exercises 1-6

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Exercise 1

Directions: Complete the following. Pay special attention to verb tenses.

1. Last night I went to bed after I _____ my homework.
2. To night I will go to bed after I _____ my homework.
3. Ever since I was a child, I _____ afraid of dogs.
4. Jacquie's contact lens popped out while she _____ basket ball.
5. Be sure to reread your composition for errors before you _____ it in to the teacher tomorrow.
6. By the time I left my apartment this morning, the mail carrier _____ the mail.
7. I have know my best friend since she _____ ten years old.
8. A black cat ran across the road as I _____ my car to work this morning.
9. By the time I leave this city, I _____ here for four months.
10. Whenever Mark _____ angry, his nose gets red.
11. I _____ to the beach whenever the weather was nice, but now I don't have time to do that because I have to study.
12. We will have a big party when _____.
13. The next time I _____ to Hawaii, I'm going to visit Mauna Loa, the world's largest volcano.
14. I had fired chicken the last time I _____ at that restaurant.

Exercise 2

Directions: Make sentences with **until** from the given situations.

1. I can't pay my bills. I haven't gotten my paycheck yet.
I can't pay my bills until **my paycheck comes**.
2. We can't leave yet. We have to wait for Carmen.
_____ until _____
3. Tell me the truth, or I am not going to leave this room.
_____ until _____
4. Finally, Kydung arrived. Before that, it had been a dull party.
_____ until _____
5. Dinner won't be ready for a while. I think we should just sit here by the fire.
Let's _____ until _____
6. When I got to bed at night, I like to read. After a while, I get sleepy.
_____ until _____

Exercise 3

Directions: Combine the ideas by using either **as soon as** or **once**. (**As soon as** and **once** basically have the same meaning. but **as soon as** is more immediate. Often, just is used with as soon as to emphasize the idea of "immediately": I'll call him **just as soon as** I get home.

1. The taxi will get here in five minutes or so. Then we can leave for the airport.
As soon as the taxi gets here, we can leave for the airport.
2. The rice will be done in about ten minutes. Immediately after that, we can eat.

3. First, I have to graduate. Then I can return home.

4. Spring will come and the weather will be nice again. Then we can start playing tennis every morning before class.

5. My roommate walked into the room. Immediately, I knew that something was wrong.

6. Your English will get better. Then you will begin to feel more comfortable living in the United States.

7. Immediately after the singer finished her song, the audience burst into applause.

8. I'm watching a baseball game on TV, but it will be over in a few minutes. Then I'll take out the garbage.

Exercise 4

Directions: Using the given information, make a sentence in which you use **just after**, **just before**, or **just as**. Notice that **just** adds the idea of "immediately."

1. I got to the airport at 8:15. My plane left ten minutes later.
I got to the airport just before my plane left.
2. You shouldn't eat a heavy meal and then go to bed immediately afterwards.

3. I went to bed at 11:00. The phone rang at 11:05.

4. We were sitting down to eat. At that moment, someone knocked on the door.

5. I was getting on the bus. At that moment, I remembered that I had left my briefcase at home.

6. I got up to give my speech. Immediately before that, I got butterflies in my stomach.

7. The guests will come at 7:00. At 6:55, I'll light the candles.

8. I was bending over to pick up my pencil. My pants split.

Exercise 5

Compare: **after** and **afterwards**.

- a. **After** I ate dinner, I took a walk.
I took a walk **after** I ate dinner.

After can be used to introduce an adverb clause.
Afterwards* is an adverb meaning "later, after that."

- b. I ate dinner. **Afterwards**, I took a walk.
I ate dinner. I took a walk **afterwards**.

*Note: **Afterwards** can also be spelled with "s":
afterward.

Directions: Combine the sentence by using **after** and **afterwards**, as in the previous examples. Punctuate carefully.

1. First: I studied.
Second: I went to bed.
 - a. (after) _____
 - b. (afterwards) _____
2. First: We went to the museum.
Then: We had some lunch.
 - a. (after) _____
 - b. (afterwards) _____
3. First: He was in an automobile accident.
Then: He had to walk on crutches for two months.
 - a. (after) _____
 - b. (afterwards) _____
4. First: She yelled at her daughter.
Then: She felt sorry.
 - a. (after) _____
 - b. (afterwards) _____

Exercise 6

Directions: Complete the following sentences. Please rewrite the whole sentence. Punctuate carefully. Pay special attention to verb tense usage.

1. Since I came to....

2. Just as I was falling asleep last night....

3. I'll help you with your homework as soon as I....

4. I was late. By the time I got to the airport....

5. One of my friends gets nervous every time....

6. I will be here until I....

7. ...as long as I live.

8. I heard...while...I....

9. Once summer comes...

10. Just before I...

11. I have been in ...for.... By the time I leave, I ...

12. The last time I...

13. The next time you ...

14. I...after I....

15. I.... Afterwards I

16. I had already _____when....

17. Whenever....

18. Ever since...
