

## Grammar

### Adverbial Clause of Time

1. Before he went to bed, he brushed his teeth.
2. As soon as he brushed his teeth, he went to bed.
3. He went to bed after he brushed his teeth.
4. He was brushing his teeth when his mother called.
5. While he was brushing his teeth, his mother called.
6. He played football until he was exhausted.

#### Forms:

Action1 + <b>before/as soon as</b> + Action2	<b>OR</b>	Before/As soon as + Action2 + , + Action1
Action2 + <b>when</b> + Action1	<b>OR</b>	When + Action1 + , + Action2
Action2 + <b>after</b> + Action1	<b>OR</b>	After + Action1 + , + Action2
Action1 + <b>until/till</b> + Action2	<b>OR</b>	Until/Till + Action2 + , + Action1
Action1 + <b>while</b> + Action1	<b>OR</b>	While + Action1 + , + Action1

#### Examples:

- He brushed his teeth **before** he went to bed.  
 → **Before** he went to bed, he brushed his teeth.
- Until he broke his leg, he had played football every day.  
 → He had played football every day **until** he broke his leg.

#### Use:

1. “**When/while**” are used to talk about two actions which happen at the same time.
2. “**Until/till**” are used to talk about an action that continued to a specific point in time, and then stopped.
3. “**Before**” is used to talk about an action 1 that happened sometime before the second action 2, but we’re not sure exactly when.
4. “**After**” is used to talk about an action 1 that happened sometime after the second action 2.
5. “**As soon as**” tells us that Action1 happened immediately before Action2.

#### Meaning:

1. **Before:** មុនពេល
2. **After:** បន្ទាប់ពី
3. **When:** នៅពេល
4. **While:** នៅពេល
5. **Until/till:** ហូរដល់
6. **As soon as:** ត្រូវពេល

## Exercise

### I. Identify the actions “Action 1” or “Action 2”

- |  | Action 2 | Action 1 | Action 1 | Action 2 |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1. I stopped running <b>when</b> I saw my friend.                      |          |          |          |          |
| 2. I'll do my homework <b>before</b> I go back to school.              |          |          | Action 1 | Action 2 |
| 3. Harry went home <b>after</b> the movie ended.                       |          |          | Action 1 | Action 2 |
| 4. Annie gets excited <b>when</b> she sees a dog.                      |          |          | Action 1 | Action 2 |
| 5. He washed the dishes <b>while</b> his girlfriend cleaned the floor. |          |          | Action 1 | Action 1 |
| 6. I will come over <b>as soon as</b> I finish eating.                 |          |          | Action 1 | Action 2 |
| 7. Thida looked after her mother <b>until</b> she was better.          |          |          | Action 1 | Action 2 |

## II. Choose the best answer

1. \_\_\_\_\_ he was walking home, he saw an accident.  
a. When      b. While      c. As soon as
  2. Shut all the windows \_\_\_\_\_ you go out.  
a. after      b. while      c. before
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ she finished dinner, she went right to bed.  
a. after      b. while      c. before
  4. \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Mubarak got a promotion in the company, I had never noticed him.  
a. Until      b. While      c. As soon as
  5. \_\_\_\_\_ he noticed a very pretty girl crying, he was walking in the park.  
a. When      b. While      c. As soon as
  6. I'll go to the post office \_\_\_\_\_ I wrap this package.  
a. till      b. while      c. as soon as
  7. We'll do nothing further in the matter \_\_\_\_\_ we hear from you.  
a. while      b. till      c. before

### III. Read the sentences and match the two columns:

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| A. Can you buy me a bottle of orange juice | 1. she takes off her shoes.      |
| B. Tidy your bedroom                       | 2. before you go to bed.         |
| C. When we go to a party,                  | 3. they always do the homework.  |
| D. Turn the lights off                     | 4. after he gets up.             |
| E. After they eat,                         | 5. when you go shopping, please? |
| F. When she gets home,                     | 6. We take a gift with us.       |
| G. He takes a shower                       | 7. before you go out to play.    |