

Adverbial Clauses of Time

Adverbs of time are such words as '*before*', '*after*', '*when*', '*while*', '*until*' and '*as soon as*' used to show the time link between two actions.

This morning, I got up *as soon as* the alarm clock rang at 6:10 a.m. I had breakfast *after* I had brushed my teeth. I got dressed *before* I left home. I waited in the MTR station *until* the train arrived. I read a book *while* I was traveling on the train. I went to the library *when* I arrived at school.

Exercise: Please complete these sentences, put an X in the appropriate time adverb.

1. He cleaned his teeth _____ he went to bed.

- ☐ Before
- ☐ When
- ☐ After
- ☐ As soon as

2. The ambulance arrived at the scene five minutes _____ the accident had happened.

- ☐ When
- ☐ Until
- ☐ As soon as
- ☐ After

3. _____ I am older, I want to start my own business.

- ☐ While
- ☐ When
- ☐ As soon as
- ☐ Before

4. I went straight to the hospital _____ I heard about your accident.

- ☐ After
- ☐ While
- ☐ As soon as
- ☐ Before

5. They watched the programme _____ the end even though it was not very interesting.

- ☐ As soon as
- ☐ After
- ☐ Before
- ☐ Until

6. They took short breaks every half an hour _____ they were playing tennis.

- ☐ While
- ☐ Before
- ☐ When
- ☐ After

7. Rebecca went to bed _____ she got home because she was so tired.

- ☐ Until
- ☐ As soon as
- ☐ Before
- ☐ After

8. People should be very careful _____ they cross busy roads.

- ☐ When
- ☐ Before
- ☐ After
- ☐ As soon as

9. We cannot light the barbecue _____ the rain stops.

- ☐ As soon as
- ☐ After
- ☐ Until
- ☐ While

10. Paul found somebody's wallet on the ground _____ he was walking to the bus stop.

- ☐ Until
- ☐ When
- ☐ After
- ☐ While