

# REDUCED TIME CLAUSES EXERCISES

From Passages I Unit 4

**1. Which of the following time clauses can be reduced? Select R if it is possible or N if it cannot be reduced.**

- ☐ 1. Ever since I can remember, I've been a night owl.
- ☐ 2. Once I fall asleep, I almost never wake up until morning.
- ☐ 3. My mother races off to work right after I leave for school.
- ☐ 4. Every time Jerry comes to visit, he keeps me up past my bedtime.
- ☐ 5. As soon as I get up in the morning, I drink a large glass of water.
- ☐ 6. I always listen to music while I run.
- ☐ 7. I often doze off as I'm watching TV at night.
- ☐ 8. Whenever I drink coffee after 3:00, I have trouble falling asleep.
- ☐ 9. I always have breakfast at a local café before I start classes for the day.
- ☐ 10. The last time I stayed at a hotel, the bed was really uncomfortable.

**2. Are these reductions done right or wrong? Mark the ones you consider correct.**

\_\_\_\_\_ After classes are done for the day, I often go out with my friends.

\_\_\_\_\_ Ever since loosing my watch, I've been late for all my appointments.

\_\_\_\_\_ You should relax and count to 10 as soon as feeling stressed.

\_\_\_\_\_ Right before going for a run, I stretch for at least 10 minutes.

\_\_\_\_\_ While walking next to me, I asked her about her plans for the future.

\_\_\_\_\_ I like to read the news as eating lunch.

\_\_\_\_\_ Make sure to check both ways right before crossing the street.

**3. Rewrite the following sentences by reducing the time clauses.  
You can rewrite the whole sentence or just the time clause. See  
the example:**

**0. I usually watch the news while I have breakfast.**

Answers

Option 1: I usually watch the news while having breakfast

Option 2: while having breakfast

- 1. Before I chill out at night, I make sure everything is ready for the morning.**
- 2. If I listen to soft music while I study, I can concentrate better.**
- 3. She does a lot of homework before she leaves for work in the morning.**
- 4. Right before my sister goes to sleep, she brushes her teeth and eats nothing else.**
- 5. Power nappers work better after they fall asleep for a short time during the day.**