3 Speaking and writing Evening routines

About you **A** Write answers to the questions below. Then ask and answer the questions with a partner. How are your routines the same?

- What do you do as soon as you get home?
- What do you do before you have dinner?
- What do you do while you're eating?
- What's your bedtime routine?

About you **B** Read the article below. Then write an article about your evening routine. Use the expressions in the Help note that order events.

My Evening Routines

First things first

As soon as I get home at night, I like to relax. **First**, I change my clothes. I put on something comfortable, like jeans and a T-shirt. **Next**, I turn on some music, **and then** I cook dinner. I like listening to music **while** I'm making dinner.

Dinnertime

I like to watch TV **during** dinner, so I eat in the living room. Right **after** dinner, I do the dishes. I hate to leave dirty dishes in the sink! **When** the kitchen is clean, I can relax.

Time for bed

I often have a snack **before** bedtime. **Then** I get my e-reader and go to bed. I read for about half an hour **before** I go to sleep.

Help note

Ordering events

- To show a sequence:
  first, next, (and) then
- Before a noun:
  before / after
  during = "at the same time as"
- To link actions:
  when
  as soon as = "immediately after," "right after"
  while = "at the same time as"
  before / after

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