

B1-03: Adverbials

Use of "after__" and "before__"

Before goes with the *latest* activity

After goes with the *earliest* activity

Example:

1: He gets up **after** he sleeps.

= **After** he sleeps, he gets up.

2: He ate **after** he cooked.

= **After** he cooked, he ate.

3: She studied **before** she took the exam.

= **Before** she took the exam, she studied.

4: She did her homework **before** she presented it to the teacher.

= **Before** she presented her homework, she did it.



1. Sometimes, the time adverbial can be reduced after a conjunction.

2. In reduced adverbials, the subject is dropped and the verb is turned into an *-ing* form.

1. They talked about it **before they met him**.

→ They talked about it **before meeting** him.

2. We left the office **after we finished the work**.

→ We left the office **after finishing the work**.

1: Complete with "after" or "before" according to the schedule.



Time	Activity
6:00	Get up
6:30	Go to run
7:00	Take a shower
7:30	Eat breakfast
8:00	Work on the computer
10:30	Watch TV
11:30	Buy groceries
12:00	Call Jane

1: She goes to run _____ she takes a shower.

2: She eats _____ she takes a shower.

3: She eats breakfast _____ she works on the computer.

4: She works on the computer _____ she watches tv.

5: _____ she takes a shower, she eats breakfast.

6: _____ she takes a shower, she goes to run.

7: _____ she buys groceries, she watches TV.

8: _____ she buys groceries, she calls Jane.

9: Before buying groceries, she **called Jane** / **watched Tv** .

10: After eating breakfast, she **took a shower** / **worked on the computer** .