(6) TIME EXPRESSIONS

Grammar sequencing events

1a Put the lines in the correct order to make the story of a famous broadcast.

The War of the Worlds

___ listening to the radio. The music was interrupted to announce an alien invasion. **During**

10 actually believed the news was true.

___ of the broadcast, but many people were not paying attention. **By the**

___ the live broadcast, reporters interviewed people who had seen the aliens. **As soon**

1 On October 30, 1938, millions of New Yorkers had the shock of their lives **while**

___ **Meanwhile**, others went to the streets with their guns. What most people didn't find out

___ **as** the first part ended, thousands of people started calling the radio station and the police.

___ novel, *The War of the Worlds*. The radio station had actually announced this at the beginning

___ **time** the programme ended, there was general hysteria. It is estimated that over one million people

___ **until** much later was that it was a hoax, an adaptation by director Orson Welles of a famous

b 2.4 Listen and check.

2 Complete the sentences about Orson Welles with some of the words or phrases in bold from exercise **1a**.

1 He had a lot of difficulties *during* his childhood: his parents divorced when he was four; his mother died when he was nine; and then his father died when he was thirteen.

2 Although he had directed quite successful films, he didn't become really famous _____ the broadcast of *The War of the Worlds*, in 1938.

3 _____ the broadcast finished, Orson Welles became an international celebrity.

4 In 1943, _____ he was living in Hollywood, he married Rita Hayworth, one of the greatest actresses of her time.



5 In 1947, Welles divorced Rita and moved to Europe for ten years, where he continued working as a director and actor. _____, Rita got married again, to a Pakistani prince.

6 _____ he died, in 1985, he had directed thirteen films, including *Citizen Kane*, considered one of the greatest films in cinema history.

3 Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

1 A seven-year-old boy disappeared ~~meanwhile~~ while he was playing in the garden.

2 His mother called the police as soon she noticed he wasn't there.

3 In the time the police arrived, the neighbours had already started looking for him.

4 Several groups searched the area. In meanwhile, a police officer interviewed the parents to identify possible suspects.

5 Everybody believed he had been kidnapped until that the family dog found him.

6 He had been hiding in a tree in the garden while the whole search. He said it was an April Fools' Day joke!

4 Complete the story about the Roswell UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) incident by adding the word or phrase in brackets at the end of each sentence in the correct position.

1 On 25 June 1947, a pilot saw several objects while he was flying over Washington. (while)

2 A farmer in New Mexico claimed he had found part of a flying disk. (meanwhile)

3 He contacted the sheriff and kept the object the Armed Forces took it away. (until)

4 Journalists from all over America flew to the area a local newspaper printed the story. (as soon as)

5 Stories about aliens had already spread the US Air Force declared that the object wasn't a UFO but a weather balloon. (by the time)

6 More mysterious evidence and reports came up the following years. (during)

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