2.6 USE OF ENGLISH

Linkers and time expressions

1 ★ Choose the correct words.

1 I read the biography of Martin Luther King *during* / *while* I was at home sick.
2 They didn't have smartphones *when* / *by* my father was a student.
3 *As soon as* / *While* we downloaded the song, we listened to it six times.
4 I learned a lot about web browsers *during* / *while* the weekend computer course.
5 It was minus ten every day last week *until* / *by* Friday.

2 ★★ Complete the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first. Use between two and five words, including the word in capitals.

You can take my laptop now but I need it on Wednesday. **BY**
You can take my laptop now but return it *by Wednesday*, please.

1 The moment you get home, send me a text message. **SOON**
Send me a text message _____ home.
2 Susie drove to Manchester and listened to the CD in the car. **WHEN**
Susie listened to the CD _____ to Manchester.
3 I was watching the film and began to feel cold. **DURING**
I _____ the film.
4 We had something to eat and waited for the program to download. **WHILE**
We had something to eat _____ downloading.
5 James did the experiment then showed me his notes. **AFTER**
James showed me _____ the experiment.
6 I read my book and waited for you to arrive. **UNTIL**
I _____ your arrival.

3 ★★ Choose the correct answers A–C.

1 A till B by C while
2 A After B Before C Until
3 A during B while C as soon as
4 A During B While C As soon as
5 A Till B While C When
6 A before B by C for

4 ★★ Complete the sentences with one word in each gap. Use each word only once.

Dad: Jono, I don't want you to use my laptop *while* I'm washing the car. Wait until I finish, OK?
Jono: Yes, Dad. I promise.

1 Tess: Let's play a game _____ the flight to Madrid.
Bill: Good idea. How about Scrabble?
2 Matt: I had to speak to my Physics teacher. Why didn't you wait _____ the end of our conversation?
Vic: I didn't know where you were or who you were with. Sorry.
3 Al: I decided to take a year off _____ I went to university to study Chemistry.
Gina: Really? What did you do for a year?
4 Phil: I stopped downloading the game as ____ as I realised it was illegal software.
Chris: Good idea. Why don't we try a different game?
5 Ella: I need to finish this report _____ tomorrow morning. Can we meet in the afternoon?
Jon: No problem. I'll send you a text message.

5 ★★★ Complete the sentences with the words in brackets in the correct form. Do not change the order of the words. You may need to add words. Use no more than six words in each gap.

I listened to *the song before I knew* (the song / before / know) who sang it.

1 Adrian sent the text message _____ _____ (while / drive), which is dangerous.
2 I _____ (not fall / asleep / during) the Biology class. I was just resting my eyes.
3 _____ (after / I / speak / Mandy) I decided not to lend her my smartphone.
4 The children all _____ (go / sleep / by / midnight) on the school trip last week.
5 Yesterday, I called my mum _____ _____ (while / travel) home on the bus.

A modern genius



Stephen Hawking was one of the most famous scientists in the world. He was born in Oxford in 1942 and lived there [1]__ the moment he moved to Cambridge to complete his PhD. [2]__ this, however, people already knew that he was intelligent. He enjoyed Maths and Science at school very much. He found both subjects very easy, and it was [3]__ he was studying there that his friends began to call him 'Einstein', for fun.

Stephen's first university was actually Oxford, where he studied Physics and Chemistry. [4]__ his studies there, at the age of 21, he became very sick and had problems speaking and moving. [5]__ he realised he was extremely ill, he decided to work harder. This was because he really wanted to finish his PhD [6]__ he died.

Hawking finished his PhD when he was only 24. Later he wrote over 15 very popular science books. His doctors didn't expect him to live long. He died at the age of 76 – definitely too early, as many say.

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