

## Relative Clauses of Time/ Adverbial Clauses of Time

### Relative Clauses of Time

We use **WHEN** to give more information about **a time** (a day, a night, a moment, a year, etc.).

**Structure:** Time expression + when + subject + verb

**Examples:**

- **Mother's Day is a day when children give presents.**
- **New Year's Eve is a night when people celebrate.**



### Adverbial Clauses of Time

We use: **when – before – after** to connect two actions in a sentence.

**When:** to talk about something that happens at the **same time** as another action.

**Before:** to talk about something that happens **earlier**.

**After:** to talk about something that happens **later**.

**Structure:** When/Before/After + subject + verb, main clause

**Examples:**

- **When** people get married, they celebrate with family.
- **After** the ceremony ends, everyone takes photos.
- **Before** the party starts, we decorate the house.

**The clause with when/before/after can go at the beginning or in the middle.**

**Example:** We decorate the house before the party starts.

### Exercise 1 – Choose the correct word (when / before / after)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the fireworks begin, everyone looks at the sky.
2. We eat cake \_\_\_\_\_ we sing "Happy Birthday."
3. Mother's Day is a day \_\_\_\_\_ children show love to their moms.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ the guests arrive, we prepare the food.
5. New Year's Eve is the night \_\_\_\_\_ people make resolutions.

### Exercise 2 – Match the halves

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| 1. Valentine's Day is a day ____         | a) they blow out the candles.   |
| 2. After the ceremony, ____              | b) when people give chocolates. |
| 3. Before the party starts, ____         | c) we decorate the house.       |
| 4. When people celebrate birthdays, ____ | d) everyone takes pictures.     |

### Exercise 3 – Complete the sentences

1. When people celebrate Carnival, \_\_\_\_\_.
2. After the wedding ceremony, \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Before my birthday party starts, \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Christmas is a time when \_\_\_\_\_.