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TIME CLAUSES

Levels of Thinking Practice



- A time clause usually begins with **when, while, before, after, until, as soon as, by the time...**
- Do NOT use "will" in a time clause when talking about the future.
- When the time clause comes first, use a comma (,).
- When the main clause comes first, no comma is needed.

**LEVEL 1 – REMEMBER**

Identify the rule.

1 Which sentence uses the comma (,) correctly?

- ☐ A. While I was taking a bath, the doorbell rang.
- ☐ B. The doorbell rang, while I was taking a bath.
- ☐ C. After she had done the washing up she did the cleaning.
- ☐ D. As soon as, I see him I will tell him to call you.

2 Which part is the Time Clause?*We will start the meeting as soon as she arrives.*

- ☐ A. We will start
- ☐ B. the meeting as soon as
- ☐ C. as soon as she arrives
- ☐ D. We will start the meeting

**LEVEL 2 – UNDERSTAND**

Understand the grammar rule.

3 Find the mistake.*She will phone her mother when she will get to London.*

- ☐ A. will phone
- ☐ B. her mother
- ☐ C. when
- ☐ D. will get

4 Why is this sentence correct?*He bought a car after he passed his driving test.*

- ☐ A. Because "after" must always be followed by the future tense.
- ☐ B. Because passing the test happened first, then buying the car happened later.
- ☐ C. Because both actions happened at the same time.
- ☐ D. Because "after" always needs a comma.

**LEVEL 3 – APPLY**

Choose the correct verb form.

5 Our parents will leave as soon as the babysitter _____.

- A. arrives B. will arrive C. arrived D. is arriving

6 The phone had stopped ringing by the time I _____ it.

- A. reach B. reached C. had reached D. will reach

7 While I _____ dinner yesterday, she was studying in her room.

- A. eat B. will eat C. was eating D. had eaten

8 They didn't take off until the weather _____.

- A. improves B. improved C. will improve D. has improved

**LEVEL 4 – ANALYZE**

Analyze the relationship between two actions.

9 Choose the correct conjunction.*The movie had already started _____ we got to the cinema.*

- ☐ A. while B. as soon as C. by the time D. until

10 Complete the sentence.*The doorbell rang while she _____ a bath.*

- ☐ A. took B. was taking C. had taken D. takes

**LEVEL 5 – EVALUATE & CREATE**

Rewrite and combine sentences.

11 Rewrite the sentence.*Move the Time Clause to the beginning.**He'll watch TV after he does his homework.*

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12 Combine the sentences.*Use AS SOON AS.*

- I will see him.
- I will tell him to call you immediately.

→ _____

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