

To Show Time / Sequence

immediately	suddenly	thereafter
soon	At this time	finally
later,	previously	formerly
then	first (second)	Next
subsequently	afterwards	Later on

E.g.: I **immediately** did my homework when I arrived home. **Then**, I watched a movie and **subsequently** I wrote an article about it.

WHEN AS SOON AS	When I met Jessica, we talked about Glasgow. As soon as I meet Jessica, I asked her opinion about that city. Note: The meaning is the same, but as soon as suggests it is more immediate.
TWO THINGS HAPPENING AT THE SAME TIME	I could see she was happy while we were talking.
ONE THING AFTER ANOTHER	We should tell them we don't want our information sold. Then we won't get junk mail. They weren't worried before our conversation. I went home after I talked to my friends. Note: we can also follow before and after with an -ing form. I went home after talking with my friends.
A SEQUENCE OF ACTIONS	We had a great weekend. First of all , we spent Saturday on the beach. Then / After that we went to a music festival. Finally , we went sightseeing.

A- Which is correct? Choose the best alternative.

1. They didn't speak **while / when** they were watching the film.
2. We must visit that museum before **leave / leaving**.
3. **When / while** we got to the station, we bought our tickets.
4. **As soon as / while** I get home, I'll send him an e-mail.
5. They had a football game and **then / first of all** they went to school.

B-Fill in the blanks using: before, after, while, when, as soon as or in the end.

1. _____ we arrive at school; we'll talk to our teacher.

2. Please, turn off the light _____ you leave the room.

3. We are going out for dinner _____ we finish cleaning the living room.

4. _____ I was waiting for the bus, I ate my sandwich.

5. We didn't laugh _____ we were in church.

6. _____ he had learned to drive, Mario felt more independent.

7. My home phone rang _____ I was preparing to leave.

8. _____ you told me the news, I was very surprised.

9. The traffic as awful, but _____ we arrived on time.