

Time linkers

1. Choose the correct variant

- 1) Everyone was quiet **while** **during** **meanwhile** the meeting. No one wanted to have an argument with the boss.
- 2) What were you doing **until** **as soon as** **while** I was trying to reach you?
- 3) Don't worry so much. They had already fallen out **by the time** **after** **as soon as** you told them the news.
- 4) I bought that stretchy dress **as soon as** **meanwhile** **during** there was a good discount. \$5 for a dress! That's a bargain!
- 5) My nephew had been to the gym twice **while** **until** **as soon as** his membership expired
- 6) **Meanwhile** **Until** **By the time** our lesson started, I had already forgotten everything we were studying during the last one.
- 7) It was getting darker in the forest. **While** **When** **Meanwhile** , we were wondering which path leaded home.
- 8) I hadn't tried these boots on **until** **while** **during** we came home. I hope they don't squeak while walking.

2. Drag and drop the appropriate linker

before	by the time	as soon as
while	during	until
when	meanwhile	after

I'll never forget that day! It was going to be an ordinary trip to our grandparents but **by the time** we got there, everything went wrong.

I realized that I had forgotten a present for my granny just **before** we entered the house. It was a shame! Luckily, she didn't expect us to start the holiday right away, so there was a little time to figure something out.

I must have looked really anxious because **when** I told my parents about the issue, they had already understood that. As my mother said that she had had a gut feeling about something like that, she had hidden the present in the trunk **while** we were preparing for the trip. It seemed that we were saved! But, **as soon as** this talk our dear granny went to the car in order to get the products that we had brought for the dinner. No one had ever heard me screaming so loudly **until** that day! I run twice as fast as I could to stop my grandma and not let her see the present, but it all was in vain.

Now, you would probably expect me to say that she saw the present and the surprise was spoilt... I only that had happened!

The thing was, that **when** I got to the trunk, I pressed it down so fast that my poor granny didn't even have a chance to take away her fingers. That was terrible! Both her hands swelled at once and it was a miracle that the hospital wasn't far. Fortunately, nothing serious turned out and my grandma ended up with a little shock and no fractures.

We were returning home happily, dreaming about a tasty dinner and feeling relieved. Well, everybody except me, as I was really ashamed and embarrassed.

When , my grandpa returned home. He was completely stunned by the look of the grandmother and even more by the story, but, extremely happy that everyone was fine. We had a great family evening that day and the birthday "girl" was excited to finally get her present.