Grammar

Adverbial Clause of Time

1. **Before** he went to bed, he brushed his teeth.
2. **As soon as** he brushed his teeth, he went to bed.
3. He went to bed **after** he brushed his teeth.
4. He was brushing his teeth **when** his mother called.
5. **While** he was brushing his teeth, his mother called.
6. He played football **until** he was exhausted.

Forms:

Action1 + before/as soon as + Action2	**OR**	**Before/As soon as + Action2 + , + Action1**
Action2 + when + Action1	**OR**	**When + Action1 + , + Action2**
Action2 + after + Action1	**OR**	**After + Action1 + , + Action2**
Action1 + until/till + Action2	**OR**	**Until/Till + Action2 + , + Action1**
Action1 + while + Action1	**OR**	**While + Action1 + , + Action1**

Examples:

He brushed his teeth before he went to bed.
→ **Before he went to bed, he brushed his teeth.**

Until he broke his leg, he had played football every day.
→ **He had played football every day until he broke his leg.**

Use:

1. "When/while" are used to talk about two actions which happen at the same time.
2. "Until/till" are used to talk about an action that continued to a specific point in time, and then stopped.
3. "Before" is used to talk about an action 1 that happened sometime before the second action 2, but we're not sure exactly when.
4. "After" is used to talk about an action 1 that happened sometime after the second action 2
5. "As soon as" tells us that Action1 happened immediately before Action2.

Meaning:

1. **Before**: មុនពេល
2. **After**: បន្ទាប់ពី
3. **When**: នៅពេល
4. **While**: ខណៈពេល
5. **Until/till**: រហូតដល់
6. **As soon as**: ភ្លាមៗនោះ

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Exercise

I. Identify the actions "Action 1" or "Action 2"

1. I stopped running when I saw my friend. **Action 1** **Action 2**
   Action 2 **Action 1**
2. I'll do my homework before I go back to school. **Action 1** **Action 2**
3. Harry went home after the movie ended. **Action 1** **Action 2**
4. Annie gets excited when she sees a dog. **Action 1** **Action 2**
5. He washed the dishes while his girlfriend cleaned the floor. **Action 1** **Action 1**
6. I will come over as soon as I finish eating. **Action 1** **Action 2**
7. Thida looked after her mother until she was better. **Action 1** **Action 2**

II. Choose the best answer

1. _____he was walking home, he saw an accident.
   a. When **b. While** **c. As soon as**
2. Shut all the windows _____ you go out.
   a. after **b. while** **c. before**
3. _____ she finished dinner, she went right to bed.
   a. after **b. while** **c. before**
4. _____ Mr. Mubarak got a promotion in the company, I had never noticed him.
   a. Until **b. While** **c. As soon as**
5. _____he noticed a very pretty girl crying, he was walking in the park.
   a. When **b. While** **c. As soon as**
6. I'll go to the post office _____ I wrap this package.
   a. till **b. while** **c. as soon as**
7. We'll do nothing further in the matter _____ we hear from you.
   a. while **b. till** **c. before**

III. Read the sentences and match the two columns:

A. Can you buy me a bottle of orange juice	1. she takes off her shoes.
B. Tidy your bedroom	2. before you go to bed.
C. When we go to a party,	3. they always do the homework.
D. Turn the lights off	4. after he gets up.
E. After they eat,	5. when you go shopping, please?
F. When she gets home,	6. We take a gift with us.
G. He takes a shower	7. before you go out to play.

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