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Lecture 4: Use of adverbial time clauses in narrative paragraphs

• Use time clauses to show relationships in time: Use when, before, after, while, as, by the time, until, till, since, as soon as, whenever, every time, the first, second, third, fourth etc., next, last time, etc. to introduce a time clause. Pay special attention to the use of tenses with time clauses. Begin a sentence with a time clause, but use a comma before the main clause. OR Begin with the main clause and end with the time clause using no comma.

• After we had finished our homework, we watched a funny movie.

They attended a meeting as soon as they arrived to work.

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a) Combine each of the following pairs of sentences by changing one clause into a time clause, using any of the time adverbs, such as when, after, before, unless, until, as soon as. The first one has been done for you:

I will read this book. I will eat dinner.

I will read this book after I eat dinner.

1. He will get wet. He is going swimming.

2. We are meeting the team. The team are arriving at the station.

3. I got to work late. I got up late.

4. The police will catch the criminal. The criminal will make a mistake.

5. They are going on holiday. They are finishing their exams.

b) Complete these sentences with the appropriate adverb of time.

1. He cleaned his teeth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he went to bed.

2. The ambulance arrived at the scene five minutes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the accident had happened.

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I am older, I want to start my own business.

4. I went straight to the hospital \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I heard about your accident.

5. They watched the programme \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the end even though it was not very interesting.

6. They took short breaks every half an hour \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they were playing tennis.

7. Rebecca went to bed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ she got home because she was so tired.

8. People should be very careful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they cross busy roads.

9. We cannot light the barbecue \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the rain stops.

10. Paul found somebody’s wallet on the ground \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he was walking to the bus stop.

c) Write a narrative paragraph of 12 lines on a funny or embarrassing incident you had you had. Use two adverbial time clauses, past perfect, past simple and past continuous.