

Subordinating Conjunctions of Time

Point 1: Subordinating conjunctions of time show **how clauses relate according to time**.

1. The meeting started before we got there.
2. He left by the time we arrived.
3. Call me when you get home.
4. I will call you after I finish.

Point 2: **Before** and **by the time** precede an action.

1. I wake up before the sun rises.
2. She does yoga before she goes to work.
3. My boss is in the office by the time I get there.
4. I should be there by the time you arrive.

Point 3: **When**, **as soon as**, **once**, and **until** coincide with an action.

1. I feel sad when it rains.
2. She calls me as soon as she gets home.
3. Flip the pancake once it starts to bubble.
4. Please stay here until I call you.

Point 4: **After** follows an action. **As soon as** and **right after** or **just after** can mean the same thing.

1. I called her after I got home.
2. I saw him as soon as the meeting ended.
3. I saw him right after the meeting ended.
4. I saw him just after the meeting ended.

Subordinating Conjunctions for Time

Read and listen to four conversations using the grammar.

Conversation 1 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: What do you usually do **after** you finish work.

Woman: I usually go to the gym, **and then after** I work out, I go shopping.

Man: You must get home pretty late. When do you eat dinner?

Woman: I usually eat **as soon as** I get home, which is about 9.

Man: Wow, I could never eat dinner that late.

Woman: When do you usually eat dinner?

Man: I usually eat about 6, *right after* I get home.

Woman: Do you usually cook?

Man: No, my wife works from home, so she usually has dinner ready *by the time* I get back.

Woman: Sounds like a nice set-up.

Conversation 2 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: So, how do you register for this app on the website?

Woman: Well, first you put in your email address.

Man: OK, that seems pretty easy.

Woman: But *before* you can do anything else, you need to check your email.

Man: OK. Then what do I do?

Woman: *After* you get the email, you need to click the link which goes back to the website.

Man: OK. Do I need to do this *as soon as* I sign up?

Woman: No, I think you can wait as long as you like, but I am not sure.

Man: OK. Well, regardless, I will click it *as soon as* I get it. What's next then?

Woman: Then, you go back to the site, and *after* you create a password, you have an account. Then, you can use the app.

Man: Sounds pretty easy. I think I can do that.

Woman: It's very easy. I'm sure you will have no problems.

Man: Thanks.

Conversation 3 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: So, how was your day at the beach?

Woman: Awful. It started to rain *as soon as* we got there.

Man: Oh no! Did it rain all day?

Woman: No, but *by the time* it stopped, we were ready to come back home.

Man: Oh, that is too bad.

Woman: We did get to swim a little, though, *right before* we left.

Man: Well, at least you had some fun.

Woman: Yeah, hopefully we will have nicer weather *when* we go next time.

Conversation 4 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: When do you want to retire?

Woman: I want to retire *when* I am about 50.

Man: Wow, that is pretty young. Why so young?

Woman: I want to travel the world *while* I am still relatively young. What about you?

Man: I doubt I will retire before I am 70. I love working.

Woman: Oh yeah. What do you want to do *after* you retire?

Man: Well, assuming I have grandkids, I want to spend as much time with

them **before** they grow up.

Woman: That's nice. Well, here's to our future.

Quiz

Answer these questions about the interview.

1) When does the woman eat dinner?

- a) Before she gets home
- b) As soon as she gets home**

2) When should he click the link?

- a) After he gets the email**
- b) Before he gets the email

3) When did it start to rain?

- a) After they left
- b) As soon as they got there**

4) Who wants to retire first?

- a) The man
- b) The woman**

Gap Fill: Complete the conversation with the correct word!

Question 1 of 4

Drag the boxes onto the matching gaps.

- late
- soon
- Sounds

- never
- usually
- after

- ready
- right

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- sign
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- register

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Woman: Yeah, hopefully we'll have nicer weather when we go ____ time.

Question 4 of 4

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- **doubt**
- **young**
- **retire**

- **about**
- **here's**
- **relatively**

- **after**
- **assuming**

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Woman: That's nice. Well, ____ to our future!

Corporate Vocabulary

Equity

Ownership value.

“My parents have lots of equity in their house.”

“My parents have a substantial equity stake in their primary residence.”

Invoice

A bill.

“The value of the invoice is CAD\$ 2590.”

“The total invoice value is CAD\$ 2590, excluding taxes.”

Marketing

This department manages the functions related to promoting, selling, and distributing goods or services.

“HR hired a new Marketing manager.”

“The Human Resources department has appointed a new Marketing Manager.”

KPI (Key Performance Indicator)

Measure of success.

“My team scored high in three of their KPIs.”

"My team exceeded targets in three of their primary KPIs this quarter."