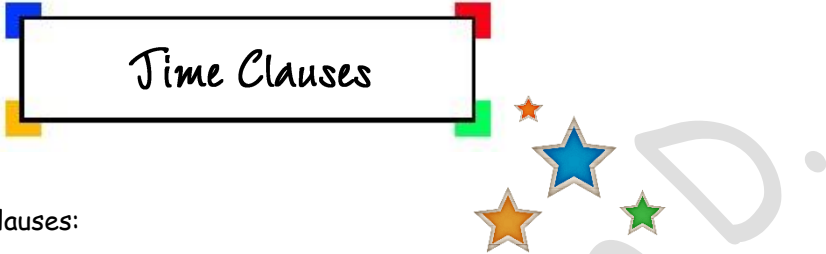


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# Time Clauses



Some important facts about clauses:

- ★ All clauses require a subject and a verb.
- ★ A time clause can't stand alone; it must be connected to a main clause.
- ★ The time clause can come before or after the main clause.
- ★ When the time clause comes before the main clause, a comma separates the two clauses.



Conjunctions:

★ Once / As soon as: when one event happens, another event happens soon afterward.  
Once Sarah learned a little Spanish, she was able to talk to her Mexican neighbors.  
As soon as you're hired for your first job, you feel more confident.

★ The moment: a particular point of time when two events happen together.  
The moment John got married, he felt like an adult.

★ Until: to that time and then no longer.  
Until I met Donna, I hadn't known what friendship was.

★ By the time: one event is completed before another event.  
By the time I graduated, I had already found a good job.

Use the past perfect in the main clause with until and by the time when both events occurred in the past.

**Practice:**

Complete these sentences with: before, after, once, as soon as, the moment, until, by the time. Sometimes more than one answer is possible. If that happens, write all the possible options.

- 1- I had always exercised \_\_\_\_\_ I broke my knee.
- 2- \_\_\_\_\_ I got married, I had already bought a house.
- 3- \_\_\_\_\_ I met my best friend, I started enjoying life more.
- 4- \_\_\_\_\_ I got my first credit card, I went on a shopping spree.
- 5- I became more tolerant \_\_\_\_\_ I became a parent.
- 6- I had learned how to drive \_\_\_\_\_ I turned 18.
- 7- \_\_\_\_\_ I bought my car, I started spending more money per month.
- 8- I started saving money \_\_\_\_\_ I knew I was expecting a baby.
- 9- \_\_\_\_\_ I was 25, I had already traveled all over Europe.
- 10- \_\_\_\_\_ I started working in this company, I worked for my father.
- 11- I took a long vacation \_\_\_\_\_ I graduated from college.

