

Adverbial clauses of time

Questions 1-5

For each of the following questions, there is one **INCORRECT** answer. Select the incorrect answer from the three options.

1a) When he won the lottery, he bought a house.

1b) As soon as he won the lottery, he bought a house.

1c) While he won the lottery, he bought a house.

2a) I would like to go shopping as soon as I get home.

2b) I would like to go shopping since I get home.

2c) I would like to go shopping after I get home.

3a) He told her to come and see him whenever she feels upset.

3b) He told her to come and see him the moment she feels upset.

3c) He told her to come and see him ever since she feels upset.

4a) We asked you to wait no sooner than we are ready.

4b) We asked you to wait until we are ready.

4c) We asked you to wait when we are ready.

5a) I told him not to call me ever since I am studying.

5b) I told him not to call me while I am studying.

5c) I told him not to call me as I am studying.

Questions 6-10

For the following questions, combine the two clauses using an adverbial clause of time. More than one option is possible and you may have to change word forms / tenses.

6) First, she has to finish high school. Then she can go to university.

7) They're listening to a programme on the radio. Then they'll go out for dinner.

8) Lend me the dress, or I'm not going to come to the party.

9) He eats dinner. He watches TV at the same time.

10) I read the newspaper in the morning. I get bored and stop reading.

Questions 11-15

For the following questions, complete the sentences using your imagination. Pay attention to the verb tenses and punctuate the sentences appropriately.

11) Just before I left the house I _____.

12) She _____ as soon as she received the news.

13) We _____ by the time we got to the airport.

14) They _____ while I _____.

15) Whenever she feels happy she _____.

Answer key

Questions 1-5

1 - c

2 - b

3 - c

4 - a

5 - a

Questions 6-10

6 - As soon as/when/as long as/after she finishes high school, she can go to university. OR She can go to university as soon as/when/as long as/after she finishes high school.

7 - As soon as/when/after they've listened to a programme on the radio, they'll go out for dinner. OR They'll go out for dinner as soon as/when/after they've listened to a programme on the radio. OR After listening to a programme on the radio, they'll go out for dinner.

8 - Until you lend me the dress I'm not going to come to the party. OR I'm not going to come to the party until you lend me the dress.

9 - He eats dinner while/when/as he watches TV.

10 - I read the newspaper in the morning until I get bored and stop reading. OR I stop reading the newspaper in the morning as soon as/when/after/the moment I get bored. OR When/as soon as I read the newspaper in the morning, I get bored and stop reading.

Questions 11-15

These answers are subject to the students' imagination. Here are some examples. If the adverbial clause is at the beginning, ensure a comma follows it.

11 – Just before I left the house, I picked up my keys.

(It must be past simple because 'leaving the house' was in the past and the other action happened before that, meaning it also was the past)

12 – She rang her friend as soon as she received the news.

(It would need to be past to fit with the second part)

13 – We had already argued twice by the time we got to the airport.

(The first part is past perfect but something in the past simple could also be used)

14 – They were eating dinner while I was reading.

(A variety of tenses could be used e.g. They always make dinner while I am studying)

15 – Whenever she feels happy, she dances in her bedroom!

(To make sense, the second part would also need to be present simple)