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Adverb Clauses of Time: When, Before, After, Until

Medium | B1 | Intermediate | B2 | Upper Intermediate | Adverb | Clause | Comma | Complex sentence | Conjunction | Imperative mood | Past tense | Present tense | Punctuation | Verb tense | Perfect tense | Simple tense

1. Complete the chaotic chef's recipe by choosing the correct time word for each gap.

The kitchen smoke alarm will inevitably go off _____ you flambé the dessert.

Do not stop whisking the eggs _____ your arm feels completely numb.

Serve the questionable dish to the judges immediately _____ it stops moving.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) when
B) until
C) before

Blank 2

A) until
B) after
C) as soon as

Blank 3

A) after
B) before
C) until

2. Fill in the blanks in the detective's interrogation transcript to catch the suspect in a lie.

"So, Mr. Higgins, you claim you were peacefully feeding the pigeons _____ the bank alarm went off? But our security footage shows you running away with a bag of diamonds _____ the vault was breached!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) while
B) when
C) after

Blank 2

A) before
B) until
C) after

3. Complete the astronaut's pre-flight checklist by choosing the correct verb form.

"Make sure to securely fasten your helmet before the cabin _____ depressurized."

Select one.

A) will be
B) is
C) was
D) had been

4. Complete the teenager's dramatic diary entry about a texting disaster.

"_____ I hit 'send' on that message to my crush, I realized I had accidentally attached a photo of a dancing potato. I hid under my bed _____ my phone finally buzzed with a reply."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** As soon as
- **B)** Until
- **C)** Before

Blank 2

- **A)** when
- **B)** until
- **C)** after

5. Help the inept spy complete his mission checklist by choosing the correct time word for each blank.

Keep hiding behind the plastic ficus tree _____ the guards walk past.

Make sure to put on your fake mustache _____ you enter the villain's lair, not once you are inside!

We will extract you from the roof _____ you secure the secret recipe, so be ready to run.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** until
- **B)** after
- **C)** as soon as

Blank 2

- **A)** before
- **B)** until
- **C)** after

Blank 3

- **A)** as soon as
- **B)** until
- **C)** before

6. Help the chaotic TV chef by selecting ALL the instructions that are grammatically correct.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** Don't take the cake out of the oven until the timer rings!
- **B)** Wait until the water boils before you will add the pasta.
- **C)** You should stir the boiling soup until it will thicken.
- **D)** As soon as the water boils, throw in the pasta.

7. Help the dedicated university student complete her text to her roommate.

"Don't wait up for me! I plan to stay at the library studying _____ it closes at midnight."

Select one.

- **A)** until
- **B)** after
- **C)** as soon as
- **D)** when

8. Review the passive-aggressive roommate's sticky notes and select ALL the sentences that are punctuated correctly.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** Before you leave the apartment, please wash your mountain of dishes.
- **B)** Please wash your mountain of dishes, before you leave the apartment.
- **C)** I will change the Wi-Fi password after I finish my shift today.
- **D)** After I finish my shift today I will change the Wi-Fi password.

9. Complete the astronaut's final transmission by selecting the correct time word and verb form.

"I will initiate the emergency launch sequence _____ the captain _____ the signal," the pilot declared over the radio.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** as soon as
- **B)** until
- **C)** while

Blank 2

- **A)** gives
- **B)** will give
- **C)** gave

10. Fix the rookie time traveler's manual by choosing the grammatically correct verb for each time clause.

The time portal will permanently close as soon as the clock _____ midnight.

You absolutely must memorize the map before you _____ the year 2024.

We will analyze the timeline changes after you _____ to headquarters.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** strikes
- **B)** will strike
- **C)** struck

Blank 2

- **A)** leave
- **B)** will leave
- **C)** left

Blank 3

- **A)** return
- **B)** returned
- **C)** will return

11. Help the frantic wizard give instructions to his apprentice by choosing the best time conjunctions.

"Do not stop stirring the potion _____ it turns bright purple! And please, hide all the garlic _____ Count Dracula arrives for dinner."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** after
- **B)** before
- **C)** until

Blank 2

- **A)** after
- **B)** before
- **C)** while

12. Help the cybersecurity detective finish his official report by selecting the correct verb tense.

"After the hacker _____ all the confidential files, she permanently erased her digital footprints."

Select one.

- **A)** downloads
- **B)** will download
- **C)** had downloaded
- **D)** has downloaded

13. Read the confused time traveler's journal entries and select ALL the sentences that correctly express the sequence of past events.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** As soon as I pressed the red button, I found myself in ancient Rome.
- **B)** I didn't realize my mistake until I have seen a gladiator.
- **C)** Before I spoke to the emperor, I had hidden my smartphone.
- **D)** After I hide my smartphone, I spoke to the emperor.

14. Complete the actor's anxious text message to his agent by choosing the correct verb form.

"Please call me as soon as the director _____ his final decision about the lead role!"

Select one.

- **A)** will make
- **B)** makes
- **C)** made
- **D)** is making

15. Help the mastermind finalize the heist plan by selecting ALL the grammatically correct instructions.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** As soon as the alarm sounds, we will make our escape.
- **B)** We will make our escape as soon as the alarm will sound.
- **C)** When the guard leaves his post, grab the diamond!
- **D)** We must wait in the vault until the helicopter will arrive.