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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.

Whisk 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) since
C) by the time

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.