

## TIME CLAUSES:

Time word	Time clause tense	Main clause tense	Examples
While	Past Continuous	Simple past (short action)	While John <i>was sleeping</i> , someone <u>knocked</u> on his door.
		Past continuous (action at same time)	While Jerry <i>was dicing</i> onions, Rosa <u>was peeling</u> carrots.
	Present Continuous	Future Continuous	While Sam <i>is working</i> tomorrow, his sister <u>will be cleaning</u> the living room.
Before	Simple present	Simple future	Before Krystal <i>leaves</i> for work, she <u>will clean</u> her house.
	Simple past	Simple past or past perfect*	Before Krystal <i>left</i> for work, she ( <u>had</u> ) <u>cleaned</u> her house.
After	Simple present	Simple future	After Charles <i>takes</i> his car to the mechanic, he <u>will take</u> the bus to work.
	Simple past or past perfect*	Simple past	After Charles <i>took</i> [ <i>had taken</i> ] his car to the mechanic, he <u>took</u> the bus to work.
When	Simple present	Simple future	When Joe <i>finishes</i> this semester, he <u>will take</u> a trip to Spain.
	Simple past	Simple past	When the sun <i>rose</i> , Joe <u>got up</u> .
		Past continuous	When the food <i>arrived</i> , James <u>was checking</u> his e-mail.
		Past perfect	When Jim's friend <i>came</i> to pick him up, he <u>had already checked</u> his messages.
		Past perfect continuous	When Bill <i>got</i> home, his sister <u>had been surfing</u> the web for three hours.
Until	Simple present	Simple future	Until Meghan <i>finishes</i> her English course, she <u>won't take</u> the math course.
	Simple past	Past perfect	Until Morgan <i>lost</i> \$25,000 in Las Vegas, she <u>hadn't realized</u> that she had a gambling problem.
As soon as	Simple present	Simple future	As soon as I <i>get</i> home, I <u>will eat</u> something.
	Simple past	Simple past	As soon as I <i>got</i> home, I <u>ate</u> something.
Whenever	Simple present	Simple present	Whenever Sean <i>goes</i> to Canada, he always <u>visits</u> Niagara Falls.
The first time	Simple past	Simple past	The first time that I <i>visited</i> New York, I <u>went</u> to the Central Park.
The last time	Simple past	Simple past	The last time that Bill <i>played</i> hockey, he <u>scored</u> two goals.
The next time	Simple present	Simple future	The next time I <i>buy</i> new shoes, I <u>will try</u> them on first.
By the time	Simple present	Future perfect	By the time the John <i>arrives</i> , we <u>will have completed</u> our meal.
	Simple past	Past perfect	By the time Jimmy <i>finished</i> his meal, most of the people <u>had left</u> the table.
Since (time)	Simple past	Present perfect	Tim <u>has been</u> unhappy since his team <i>lost</i> the game..