

## Handout 1: Adverbial Clauses of Time

**Adverbs of time** are such words as '*before*', '*after*', '*when*', '*while*', '*until*' and '*as soon as*' used to show the time link between two actions.

This morning, I got up *as soon as* the alarm clock rang at 6:10 a.m. I had breakfast *after* I had brushed my teeth. I got dressed *before* I left home. I waited in the MTR station *until* the train arrived. I read a book *while* I was traveling on the train. I went to the library *when* I arrived at school.

Exercise 1: Please complete these sentences with the appropriate adverb of time.

1. He cleaned his teeth \_\_\_\_\_ he went to bed.
2. The ambulance arrived at the scene five minutes \_\_\_\_\_ the accident had happened.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ I am older, I want to start my own business.
4. I went straight to the hospital \_\_\_\_\_ I heard about your accident.
5. They watched the programme \_\_\_\_\_ the end even though it was not very interesting.
6. They took short breaks every half an hour \_\_\_\_\_ they were playing tennis.
7. Rebecca went to bed \_\_\_\_\_ she got home because she was so tired.
8. People should be very careful \_\_\_\_\_ they cross busy roads.
9. We cannot light the barbecue \_\_\_\_\_ the rain stops.
10. Paul found somebody's wallet on the ground \_\_\_\_\_ he was walking to the bus stop.