

Combining Sentences with “When,” “After,” and “Before”

Show the order or timing of two events.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Combine each pair of sentences into one sentence using “when,” “after,” or “before” to show when each event happened.

1. We finished dinner. We watched a movie.

2. The phone rang. Everyone went quiet.

3. You leave the house. Turn off the lights.

4. The bell rang. Students lined up at the door.

5. We packed the car. We started our trip.

6. You eat dessert. Finish your vegetables.

7. The sun set. The stars came out.

8. She saw the spider. She screamed.

9. You cross the street. Look both ways.

10. The game ended. The fans went home.

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Sample answers shown below. Wording may vary — accept any grammatically correct combined sentence.

ANSWER KEY

1. After we finished dinner, we watched a movie.
2. When the phone rang, everyone went quiet.
3. Before you leave the house, turn off the lights.
4. When the bell rang, students lined up at the door.
5. After we packed the car, we started our trip.
6. Before you eat dessert, finish your vegetables.
7. After the sun set, the stars came out.
8. When she saw the spider, she screamed.
9. Before you cross the street, look both ways.
10. After the game ended, the fans went home.