

## Connectives: before, after, when, if

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Fill in the gaps. Use before, after, if or when.

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3. \_\_\_\_\_ it is raining, we won't be able to play in the park.
4. I get a bit scared \_\_\_\_\_ my dad drives the car really fast.
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