



Before and After

BEFORE

- As a conjunction to give order to a pair of events.

EXAMPLES

1. Brush your teeth before you go to bed.
2. I always shave before I shower.

- In a preposition to tell when something happened.

EXAMPLES

1. I lived in America before I came to Japan.
2. I did my homework before class.

- As an adverb to tell when something happened.

EXAMPLES

1. I've eaten raw fish before.
2. I've met you three times before.

AGO

- As an adverb used to tell how long it has been since something happened until now.

EXAMPLES

1. She went home an hour ago.
2. Twenty years ago, reggae was very popular.

AFTER

- As a conjunction to give order to a pair of events.

EXAMPLES

1. Take out the trash after you finish eating.
2. I always watch TV after I get home.

- In a preposition to tell when something happened.

EXAMPLES

1. After I quit my job, I went traveling
2. I didn't call her after our date.

- As an adverb to tell when something happened.

EXAMPLES

1. He lost his wallet but found it after two days.
2. They dated but broke up after one month.

IN

- In a prepositional phrase to show the amount of time that will pass from now.

EXAMPLES

1. I will go to Singapore in five weeks.
2. In ten minutes the movie is going to start.

- In a prepositional phrase to tell the duration of when something happened.

EXAMPLES

1. I gained ten kilograms in five days.
2. The bridge was built in just ten days.

- In a prepositional phrase to tell how long it has been since something last happened.

EXAMPLES

1. I haven't seen a movie in six years..
2. She hasn't called me in months.



Conversation

◇ Answer these simple questions. Use the word in the parenthesis.

Some Questions

Ex. When do you brush your teeth? (after)

I brush my teeth after I wake up and after I eat dinner.

1. When do you take a bath? (before)

2. When did you graduate high school? (ago)

3. When will you do your homework? (after)

4. When are you going to eat out? (in)

5. When do you usually watch TV? (before)

6. When do you usually eat dinner? (after)

◇ Read the sentences on page 1. Circle anything that you don't understand.



Review

◇ Finish the sentences below with your information.

 **“Before and In”**

1. Before I go to work, I _____ .
2. Before I go on a date, I _____ .
3. Before I die, I _____ .
4. In one week, I _____ .
5. In ten years, I _____ .
6. *Before* _____ .
7. *In* _____ .

 **“After and Ago”**

1. After I get home, I _____ .
2. After lunch, I _____ .
3. After I graduated high school, I _____ .
4. One week ago, I _____ .
5. Ten years ago, I _____ .
6. *After* _____ .
7. _____ *ago* _____ .



Conversation

◇ Choose a topic and write 3 questions about it.

 **Example: PRESCHOOL**

1. When did you go to preschool?

I went to preschool after I turned three years old.

2. What time did you go to preschool?

I went to preschool at 7:00 every morning.

Write your own question.

Where did you go school?

 **Topic 1: ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

1. When did you go to elementary school?

2. How long did you go to school every day?

Write your own question.

 **Topic 2: JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

1. When did you go to junior high school?

2. What did you do after school?

Write your own question.

 **Topic 3: HIGH SCHOOL**

1. When did you graduate from high school?

2. What did you do before you went to school every day?

Write your own question.