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Reduction of Adverb Clauses of Time

Adverb clauses that begin with the following words: Since, After, Before, and While can be reduced to adverbial phrases.



Example:

Clause: After Bernie chased history around the world, he has found it in his own hometown.

Phrase: After chasing history around the world, Bernie has found it is his own hometown.

There are certain steps you must follow:

1. You must have the same subject in both clauses.
2. Delete the subject from the adverb clause.
3. Change the verb to -ing.

Look at this other example:

Clause: While the musician was producing music, he thought of the family he had left behind.

Phrase: While producing music, the musician thought of the family he had left behind.

This last example is different because of the verb tense. In this case, you follow steps 1 and 2 above and delete the verb “to be.”

Another example would be using a **passive form**:

Clause: Since Bernie was photographed by famous people, he became very well known in the music world.

Phrase: Since photographed by famous people, Bernie became very well known in the music world.

In this example, the subject of the adverb clause and the verb “to be” are deleted.

If the original clause has the word “not,” you will include it in the reduction.

Clause: Before Bernie wasn't accepted in some clubs, he could play almost anywhere.

Phrase: Before not being accepted in some clubs, Bernie could play almost anywhere.

Notice that the word “not” precedes the –ing form.



Try these:

1. While I was searching for an apartment, I ran into an old friend from high school.

2. Before Bob and Jane ran outside to get her, they had understood the bad news.

3. Since the product was sold internationally, it has made great profits for the company.

4. After the young teen got a car and a music career, he decided to leave the old neighborhood.

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