Time Link Detectives

Find two ways writers connect events.

C.5.3.d "Use a variety of conjunctions and transitional words, phrases and clauses to manage the sequence of events."

NAME _____ DATE _____

TIME CONJUNCTION

A time conjunction begins a clause that connects two events in one sentence.

While the paint dried, I washed the brushes.

TIME TRANSITION

A time transition links events across sentences and shows when the next event happens.

The kite soared. Later, the wind slowed.

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle JOIN or SHIFT for each item, then in Part 2, choose one item from each category and explain how you knew.

1.	When the bell rang, the class lined up.	JOIN SHIFT
2.	The puppy dug a hole. Next, it hid a bone.	JOIN SHIFT
3.	The lights went out. Then, Dad found a flashlight.	JOIN SHIFT
4.	Before the guests arrived, Mia set the table.	JOIN SHIFT
5.	As soon as the door opened, the crowd cheered.	JOIN SHIFT
6.	Until the dough rose, Eli read a book.	JOIN SHIFT
7.	The whistle blew. Afterward, the runners took off.	JOIN SHIFT
8.	After the song ended, we clapped.	JOIN SHIFT

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new sentence that uses a time conjunction to join two events, then write two sentences linked by a time transition.

JOIN _____

SHIFT _____

CHALLENGE

Write three sentences about one event, using a time conjunction in one sentence and two different time transitions to show the order.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 5 · C.5.3.d

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	When the bell rang, the class lined up.	**JOIN**	When begins a time clause that connects two events in one sentence.
2	The puppy dug a hole. Next, it hid a bone.	**SHIFT**	Next links the second event to the first across two sentences.
3	The lights went out. Then, Dad found a flashlight.	**SHIFT**	Then shows when the second event happened across two sentences.
4	Before the guests arrived, Mia set the table.	**JOIN**	Before begins a time clause that connects two events in one sentence.
5	As soon as the door opened, the crowd cheered.	**JOIN**	As soon as begins a time clause that connects two events in one sentence.
6	Until the dough rose, Eli read a book.	**JOIN**	Until begins a time clause that connects two events in one sentence.
7	The whistle blew. Afterward, the runners took off.	**SHIFT**	Afterward links the second event to the first across two sentences.
8	After the song ended, we clapped.	**JOIN**	After begins a time clause that connects two events in one sentence.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **JOIN**: Before the bakery opened, Noor filled the shelves.
- **SHIFT**: The rain stopped. Soon, the sidewalks dried.

Challenge: First, I checked my map. When the trail split, I chose the path by the creek. Finally, I reached the cabin.

Items 1, 4, 5, 6, and 8 are JOIN; items 2, 3, and 7 are SHIFT. For Part 2, accept explanations that identify a time clause within one sentence or a transition linking two sentences.