

“LINKER + Ving” REDUCTION

► Practice 1. Introduction. (Chart 18-1)

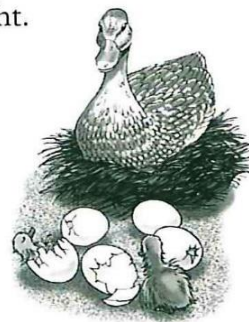
Each sentence contains either an adverb clause or an adverb phrase. Underline the adverb clause or phrase in each sentence.

1. While they were riding in the car for six hours, the children became restless.
2. While riding in the car for six hours, the children became restless.
3. Before taking our long car trip across the country, we had drawn our route on a large road map.
4. While watching the exciting basketball game on TV, the boys forgot all about dinner.
5. While they were watching the exciting basketball game on TV, the boys forgot all about dinner.
6. Before leaving for the airport, we checked to make sure we had all our travel necessities with us.
7. We heard a lot of thunder while we were walking on the beach this afternoon.
8. We heard a lot of thunder while walking on the beach this afternoon.
9. While I was trying to get a taxi, I was almost run over by several taxis that passed me by.
10. Before getting into a taxi, I was almost run over by several that passed me by.

► Practice 2. Modifying adverbial phrases. (Chart 18-2)

Check the grammatically correct sentences.

1. ___ While watching an exciting program, the TV suddenly went off.
2. ___ While starting up, my computer suddenly crashed.
3. ___ While watching an exciting program, I fell asleep.
4. ___ Before going to bed, I always open the bedroom windows.
5. ___ Before going to bed, the bedroom windows are always open.
6. ___ After opening the bedroom windows, I crawl into bed for the night.
7. ___ Since graduating from college, nobody has offered me a job yet.
8. ___ Since graduating from college, I haven't found a job yet.
9. ___ After sitting on her eggs for four weeks, we saw the mother duck welcome her baby ducklings.
10. ___ After sitting on her eggs for four weeks, the mother duck welcomed her baby ducklings.



► Practice 3. Changing time clauses to modifying adverbial phrases.

(Chart 18-2)

Change the adverb clause to a modifying phrase.

1. Since ^{opening} ~~he opened~~ his new business, Bob has been working sixteen hours a day.
2. I shut off the lights before I left the room.
3. After I had met the movie star in person, I understood why she was so popular.
4. After I searched through all my pockets, I found my keys.
5. While he was herding his goats in the mountains, an Ethiopian named Kaldi discovered the coffee plant more than 1,200 years ago.
6. Before they marched into battle, ancient Ethiopian soldiers ate a mixture of coffee beans and fat for extra energy.
7. While she was flying across the Pacific Ocean in 1937, the famous pilot Amelia Earhart disappeared.
8. After they imported rabbits to Australia, the settlers found that these animals became pests.

► Practice 4. Adverb clauses and modifying phrases. (Charts 18-1 → 18-3)

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

1. a. Before (*leave*) leaving on his trip, Tom renewed his passport.
b. Before Tom (*leave*) left on his trip, he renewed his passport.
2. a. After Thomas Edison (*invent*) invented / had invented the light bulb, he went on to create many other useful inventions.
b. After (*invent*) inventing / having invented the light bulb, Thomas Edison went on to create many other useful inventions.
3. a. While (*work*) _____ with uranium ore, Marie Curie discovered two new elements, radium and polonium.
b. While she (*work*) _____ with uranium ore, Marie Curie discovered two new elements, radium and polonium.
4. a. Before an astronaut (*fly*) _____ on a space mission, she will have undergone thousands of hours of training.
b. Before (*fly*) _____ on a space mission, an astronaut will have undergone thousands of hours of training.
5. a. After they (*study*) _____ the stars, the ancient Mayans in Central America developed a very accurate solar calendar.
b. After (*study*) _____ the stars, the ancient Mayans in Central America developed a very accurate solar calendar.

6. a. Since (*learn*) _____ that cigarettes cause cancer, many people have stopped smoking.
b. Since they (*learn*) _____ that cigarettes cause cancer, many people have stopped smoking.
7. a. When (*take*) _____ any medication, you should be sure to follow the directions on the label.
b. When you (*take*) _____ any medication, you should be sure to follow the directions on the label.
8. a. While I (*drive*) _____ to my uncle's house, I took a wrong turn and ended up back where I had started.
b. While (*drive*) _____ to my uncle's house, I took a wrong turn and ended up back where I had started.

► **Practice 5. Expressing the idea of "during the same time" in modifying adverbial phrases.** (Chart 18-3)

Underline the subject of the adverb clause and the subject of the main clause. Change the adverb clauses to modifying phrases if possible.

1. While Sam was driving to work in the rain, his car got a flat tire.
_____ (*no change*)
2. While Sam was driving to work, he had a flat tire.
_____ *While driving to work, Sam had a flat tire.*
3. Before Nick left on his trip, his son gave him a big hug and a kiss.

4. Before Nick left on his trip, he gave his itinerary to his secretary.

5. After Tom had worked hard in the garden all afternoon, he took a shower and then went to the movies with his friends.

6. After Sunita had made a delicious chicken curry for her friends, they wanted the recipe.

7. Before a friend tries to do something hard, an American may say "Break a leg!" to wish him or her good luck.

8. Emily always cleans off her desk before she leaves the office at the end of each day.

► **Practice 6. Expressing the idea of “during the same time” and cause/effect in modifying adverbial phrases.** (Charts 18-3 and 18-4)

Underline the modifying adverbial phrase in each sentence. Then circle the letter of the meaning of each modifying phrase. In some sentences, both meanings may be given.

1. Riding his bicycle to school, Enrique fell off and scraped his knee.
a. while b. because
2. Being seven feet tall, the basketball player couldn't sit in a regular airplane seat.
a. while b. because
3. Driving to work this morning, I remembered that I had already missed the special 8:00 A.M. breakfast meeting.
a. while b. because
4. Running five miles on a very hot day, James felt exhausted.
a. while b. because
5. Having run for 26 miles in the marathon, the runners were exhausted at the end of the race.
a. while b. because
6. Drinking a tall glass of soothing iced tea, Ann felt her tired muscles relax.
a. while b. because
7. Clapping loudly at the end of the game, the fans showed their appreciation of the team.
a. while b. because
8. Speaking with her guidance counselor, Carol felt that she was being understood.
a. while b. because
9. Knowing that I was going to miss the plane because of heavy traffic, I phoned the airline to get a seat on a later plane.
a. while b. because
10. Having missed my plane, I had to wait four hours to take the next one.
a. while b. because
11. Waiting for my plane to depart, I watched thousands of people walking through the airport.
a. while b. because

► **Practice 7. Expressing the idea of “during the same time” and cause/effect in modifying adverbial phrases.** (Charts 18-3 and 18-4)

Complete the sentences in Column A with a clause from Column B.

Column A

1. Talking on the phone with my friend, ____.
2. While watching an old movie on TV ____.
3. Drinking a big glass of water in four seconds, ____.
4. Because I like old movies, ____.
5. Since receiving a big job promotion, ____.
6. Having finished my long report, ____.
7. Unable to reach my friend by phone, ____.
8. Being a shy person, ____.
9. Having lived in Rome for two years, ____.
10. Wanting to get home quickly, ____.

Column B

- a. I handed it in to my supervisor this morning
- b. I watch a lot of them on TV late at night
- c. I decided to email her
- d. I have more responsibility
- e. I can speak Italian
- f. I don't like to go to parties alone
- g. I ran all the way
- h. I heard the click of the phone disconnecting
- i. I fell asleep
- j. I quenched my thirst

► **Practice 8. Modifying phrases and clauses.** (Charts 18-2 → 18-4)

Circle all the possible completions for each sentence. More than one may be correct.

1. Before ____ you, I had not known such a wonderful person existed!
 - a. met
 - b. meeting
 - c. I met
2. After ____ what the candidate had to say, I am considering voting for him.
 - a. I heard
 - b. having heard
 - c. hearing
3. Since ____ married, Fred seems very happy and content.
 - a. he got
 - b. getting
 - c. got
4. ____ through outer space at a speed of 25,000 miles per hour (40,000 kilometers), the astronauts were able to see the Earth.
 - a. Speeding
 - b. While speeding
 - c. Sped
5. ____ president of his new country, George Washington had been a general in its army.
 - a. Before becoming
 - b. While becoming
 - c. Before he became
6. ____ rap music before, our grandparents wondered why it was so popular.
 - a. Had never heard
 - b. Because they had never heard
 - c. Never having heard
7. ____ the English faculty, Professor Wilson has become the most popular teacher at our university.
 - a. Since joining
 - b. While joining
 - c. Since he joined

► **Practice 9. Modifying phrases with *upon*.** (Chart 18-5)

Rewrite the sentences with the given words.

1. When Sarah received her acceptance letter for medical school, she shouted for joy.
 - a. Upon _____.
 - b. On _____.
2. On hearing the sad news, Kathleen began to cry.
 - a. Upon _____.
 - b. When _____.
3. Upon looking at the accident victim, the paramedics decided to transport him to the hospital.
 - a. On _____.
 - b. When _____.

► **Practice 10. Modifying phrases with *upon*.** (Chart 18-5)

Complete the sentences using the ideas in the given list.

- a. She learned the problem was not at all serious.
 - b. She was told she got it.
 - c. She discovered a burnt-out wire.
 - ✓d. She arrived at the airport.
 - e. She reached the other side of the lake.
1. It had been a long, uncomfortable trip. Upon arriving at the airport, Sue quickly unfastened her seat belt and stood in the aisle waiting her turn to disembark.
 2. Kim rented a small fishing boat last weekend, but she ended up doing more rowing than fishing. The motor died halfway across the lake, so she had to row to shore. It was a long distance away. Upon _____, she was exhausted.
 3. At first, we thought the fire had been caused by lightning. However, upon _____, the fire chief determined it had been caused by faulty electrical wiring.
 4. Amy felt terrible. She was sure she had some terrible disease, so she went to the doctor for some tests. Upon _____, she was extremely relieved.
 5. Janet wanted that scholarship with all her heart and soul. Upon _____, she jumped straight up in the air and let out a scream of happiness.

CHAPTER 18: REDUCTION OF ADVERB CLAUSES TO MODIFYING ADVERBIAL PHRASES

PRACTICE 1, p. 180

1. While they were riding in the car for six hours
2. While riding in the car for six hours
3. Before taking our long car trip across the country
4. While watching the exciting basketball game on TV
5. While they were watching the exciting basketball game on TV
6. Before leaving for the airport
7. while we were walking on the beach this afternoon
8. while walking on the beach this afternoon
9. While I was trying to get a taxi
10. Before getting into a taxi

PRACTICE 2, p. 180

Grammatically correct items:

2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10

PRACTICE 3, p. 181

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|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. he opened | opening |
| 2. I left | leaving |
| 3. I had met | meeting / having met |
| 4. I searched | searching |
| 5. he was herding | herding |
| 6. they marched | marching |
| 7. she was flying | flying |
| 8. they imported | importing |

PRACTICE 4, p. 181

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| 1. a. leaving | 5. a. studied |
| b. left | b. studying |
| 2. a. invented / had invented | 6. a. learning |
| b. inventing / having invented | b. learned |
| 3. a. working | 7. a. taking |
| b. was working | b. take |
| 4. a. flies | 8. a. was driving |
| b. flying | b. driving |

PRACTICE 5, p. 182

Subjects

1. Adv. clause: Sam Main clause: car (no change)
2. Adv. clause: Sam Main clause: he
While driving to work, Sam had a flat tire.
3. Adv. clause: Nick Main clause: son (no change)
4. Adv. clause: Nick Main clause: he
Before leaving on his trip, Nick gave his itinerary to his secretary.
5. Adv. clause: Tom Main clause: he
After working in the garden all afternoon, Tom took a shower and then . . .
6. Adv. clause: Sunita Main clause: they (no change)
7. Adv. clause: a friend Main clause: American
(no change)
8. Adv. clause: she Main clause: Emily
Emily always straightens her desk before leaving the office at the end of the day.

PRACTICE 6, p. 183

Modifying Adverbial Phrases

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| 1. Riding his bicycle to school | a |
| 2. Being seven feet tall | b |
| 3. Driving to work this morning | a |
| 4. Running five miles on a very hot day | a, b |
| 5. Having run for 26 miles in the marathon | b |
| 6. Drinking a tall glass of soothing iced tea | a, b |
| 7. Clapping loudly at the end of the game | a |
| 8. Speaking with her guidance counselor | a |
| 9. Knowing that I was going to miss the plane because of heavy traffic | b |
| 10. Having missed my plane | b |
| 11. Waiting for my plane to depart | a |

PRACTICE 7, p. 184

1. h
2. i
3. j
4. b
5. d
6. a
7. c
8. f
9. e
10. g

PRACTICE 8, p. 184

1. b, c
2. a, b, c
3. a, b
4. a, b
5. a, c
6. b, c
7. a, c

PRACTICE 9, p. 185

1. a. Upon receiving her acceptance letter for medical school, Sarah
b. On receiving her acceptance letter for medical school, Sarah
2. a. Upon hearing the sad news,
b. When she heard the sad news,
3. a. On looking at the accident victim,
b. When they looked at the accident victim,

PRACTICE 10, p. 185

1. (d) arriving at the airport.
2. (e) reaching the other side of the lake
3. (c) discovering a burnt-out wire
4. (a) learning that the problem was not at all serious
5. (b) being told she got it