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LESSON ●91

A lot of the practice material in this book is devoted to cumulative reinforcement of structures introduced in previous books. Each lesson groups together a number of related patterns or function words, which are then practiced in contrast.

This lesson focuses on time adverbials: *when, while, until, before, after, since, for* and *during*, and introduces the replacement of *while* clauses by gerund phrases. The lesson ends with a short conversation exercise on superlative forms.



DIALOGUE "MRS. MCGREGOR"

(Two college students, Linda and Derek are sitting on the library steps drinking cokes)

Linda — I've known Mrs. McGregor for years.

Derek So have I. I used to do odd jobs for her when
I was a kid.

Linda She's been a widow for a long time, hasn't she?

Derek Yes. Her husband died long before we were born.

Linda Wasn't he killed during the war?

Derek That's right. Only a few months after they got
married.

Linda I wonder what he was like.

Derek Dad used to know him when they were in the army.
He said Mr. McGregor was one of the finest men he
ever met. I think he got killed trying to save one of
his men.

Linda Poor Mrs. McGregor! It must have been a terrible
shock for her. What did she do after his death?

Derek As far as I know, she got a job in a factory until the
war was over. Then she came to live here.

Linda And she never remarried?

Derek No, she didn't. But I don't think she's very lonely.
She works too hard for that.

I asked him to invite you.

I made him invite you.

I suggested that he invite you.

I heard him inviting you.

I stopped him from inviting you.

I thanked him for inviting you.

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| 1. insist | I insisted that he invite you. |
| 2. take an umbrella | I insisted that he take an umbrella. |
| 3. let | I let him take an umbrella. |
| 4. remind | I reminded him to take an umbrella. |
| 5. prevent | I prevented him from taking an umbrella. |
| 6. see | I saw him taking an umbrella. |
| 7. do the work | I saw him doing the work. |
| 8. excuse | I excused him from doing the work. |
| 9. recommend | I recommended that he do the work. |
| 10. have | I had him do the work. |
| 11. discourage | I discouraged him from doing the work. |
| 12. encourage | I encouraged him to do the work. |
| 13. come on time | I encouraged him to come on time. |
| 14. insist | I insisted that he come on time. |
| 15. make | I made him come on time. |
| 16. waste time | I made him waste time. |
| 17. punish | I punished him for wasting time. |
| 18. notice | I noticed him wasting time. |
| 19. keep | I kept him from wasting time. |
| 20. forbid | I forbade him to waste time. |
| 21. not let | I didn't let him waste time. |

2 CONDITIONAL FORMS. CONVERSATION

- Teacher If I had some free time, I'd play tennis with you.
- S. 1 Do you have any free time?
- S. 2 No, I'm afraid I don't.
- S. 1 Then I don't suppose you can play tennis with me.
- S. 2 I'm sorry. If I had some free time, I would.
- Teacher If I weren't so tired, I'd help you with your work.
- S. 3 Are you tired?
- S. 4 Yes, I'm afraid I am.
- S. 3 Then I don't suppose you can help me with my work.
- S. 4 I'm sorry. If I weren't so tired, I would.

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| 1. If I knew more English,
I'd translate the
letter for you. | Do you know much English?
No, I'm afraid I don't.
Then I don't suppose you can trans-
late this letter for me.
I'm sorry. If I knew more English,
I would. |
| 2. If I didn't have another
appointment, I'd go
with you. | Do you have another appointment?
Yes, I'm afraid I do.
Then I don't suppose you can go
with me.
I'm sorry. If I didn't have another
appointment, I would. |
| 3. If I were a mechanic,
I'd be able to fix
the car for you. | Are you a mechanic?
No, I'm afraid I'm not.
Then I don't suppose you can fix
the car for me.
I'm sorry. If I were a mechanic, I'd
be able to. |
| 4. If I didn't have a cold,
I could go for a
walk with you. | Do you have a cold?
Yes, I'm afraid I do.
Then I don't suppose you can go for
a walk with me.
I'm sorry. If I didn't have a cold,
I could. |

5. If I were able to take a day off, I'd show you around the city.

Will you be able to take a day off?

No, I'm afraid I won't.

Then I don't suppose you'll be able to show me around the city.

I'm sorry. If I were able to take a day off, I would.

6. If I had my car today, I could give you a ride home.

Do you have your car today?

No, I'm afraid I don't.

Then I don't suppose you can give me a ride home.

I'm sorry. If I had my car, I would.

7. If I knew the answer, I'd tell you.

Do you know the answer?

No, I'm afraid I don't.

Then I don't suppose you can tell me the answer.

I'm sorry. If I knew it, I would.

8. If I didn't have to watch the house, I'd pick you up at the station.

Do you have to watch the house?

Yes, I'm afraid I do.

Then I don't suppose you can pick me up at the station.

I'm sorry. If I didn't have to watch the house, I would.

3 TIME CLAUSES WITH *WHEN* AND *WHILE*

(a) *Simple Past and Progressive Past. Q&A*

Teacher the alarm clock rang — get up — sleep

S. 1 What did you do when the alarm clock rang?

S. 2 I got up.

S. 1 What were you doing when the alarm clock rang?

S. 2 I was sleeping.

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| 1. sprain your ankle –
call the doctor –
run downstairs | What did you do when you sprained your ankle?
I called the doctor.
What were you doing when you sprained your ankle?
I was running downstairs. |
| 2. see the accident –
report it to the
police – drive
downtown | What did you do when you saw the accident?
I reported it to the police.
What were you doing when you saw the accident?
I was driving downtown. |
| 3. catch a cold – go
to bed – walk
in the rain | What did you do when you caught a cold?
I went to bed.
What were you doing when you caught a cold?
I was walking in the rain. |
| 4. cut your finger –
bandage it –
sharpen a pencil
with a razor blade | What did you do when you cut your finger?
I bandaged it.
What were you doing when you cut your finger?
I was sharpening a pencil with a razor blade. |

(b) Q&A with tag questions

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| Teacher | Her husband was killed. It must have been a terrible shock for her. |
| S. 1 | Her husband was killed, wasn't he? |
| S. 2 | Yes. It must have been a terrible shock for her when he was killed. |
| Teacher | Jack read the paper. Jill prepared dinner. |
| S. 3 | Jack read the paper, didn't he? |
| S. 4 | Yes. Jill prepared dinner while he read the paper. |
| Teacher | Her husband is out working. She should stay at home. |
| S. 5 | Her husband is out working, isn't he? |
| S. 6 | Yes. She should stay at home while he's out working. |

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| 1. Derek used to do odd jobs for Mrs. McGregor.
He was a kid then. | Derek used to do odd jobs for Mrs. McGregor, didn't he?
Yes. He was a kid when he did odd jobs for her. |
| 2. She'd like to get her hair done. She gets a day off. | She'd like to get her hair done, wouldn't she?
Yes. She'd like to get it done when she gets a day off. |
| 3. The sun was shining. I got up this morning. | The sun was shining, wasn't it?
Yes. It was shining when I got up this morning. |
| 4. You'll be traveling abroad. I'll stay here. | You'll be traveling abroad, won't you?
Yes. You'll stay here while I'm traveling abroad. |
| 5. Olsen escaped. The guards were playing cards. | Olsen escaped, didn't he?
Yes. The guards were playing cards when he escaped. |
| 6. Roger made a phone call. His wife was getting ready to go out. | Roger made a phone call, didn't he?
Yes. His wife was getting ready to go out when he made it. |
| 7. You can do the dishes. I'll make the beds. | You can do the dishes, can't you?
Yes. You can make the beds while I do the dishes. |
| 8. The office boy has disappeared. The boss jumped to conclusions. | The office boy has disappeared, hasn't he?
Yes. The boss jumped to conclusions when he disappeared. |

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OMISSION OF WHILE IN TIME CLAUSES

(a) Transformation

Teacher He was trying to save one of his men. He was killed.

S. 1 He was killed while he was trying to save one of his men.

S. 2 He was killed trying to save one of his men.

Teacher I was driving to the airport. I had an accident.

S. 3 I had an accident while I was driving to the airport.

S. 4 I had an accident driving to the airport.

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| 1. She was using the hair dryer.
She must have blown a fuse. | She must have blown a fuse (while she was) using the hair dryer. |
| 2. Judy was waiting in line.
She felt sleepy. | Judy felt sleepy (while she was) waiting in line. |
| 3. She was typing her notes. She made a lot of mistakes. | She made a lot of mistakes (while she was) typing her notes. |
| 4. John was skiing in the mountains. He broke his leg. | John broke his leg (while he was) skiing in the mountains. |
| 5. They watch TV. They often have a snack. | They often have a snack (while they're) watching TV. |
| 6. He was climbing over the fence. He tore his jacket. | He tore his jacket (while he was) climbing over the fence. |

(b) Chart 11. Conversation

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| 1. Teacher | he got a cramp |
| S. 1 | Bill got a cramp swimming across the lake. |
| S. 2 | What happened to Bill while he was swimming across the lake? |
| S. 3 | He got a cramp. |
| 2. Teacher | he bumped his head |
| S. 4 | Dick bumped his head getting out of that car. |
| S. 5 | What happened to Dick while he was getting out of that car? |
| S. 6 | He bumped his head. |
| 3. Teacher | he tore his pants |
| S. 7 | Tom tore his pants climbing up that tree. |
| S. 8 | What happened to Tom while he was climbing up that tree? |
| S. 9 | He tore his pants. |

Continue (The final response is the same as the cue)

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| 4. he nearly killed himself | Harry nearly killed himself jumping over that fence.
What happened to Harry while he was jumping over that fence? |
| 5. she got soaked | Mrs. Jones got soaked running into the shelter.
What happened to Mrs. Jones while she was rushing into the shelter? |
| 6. she had a bad fall | Valerie had a bad fall skiing down the hill.
What happened to Valerie while she was skiing down the hill? |
| 7. he hurt his knees | Olsen hurt his knees crawling through the hedge.
What happened to Olsen while he was crawling through the hedge? |
| 8. she was scared | Sally was scared walking under the bridge.
What happened to Sally while she was walking under the bridge? |
| 9. they got a flat tire | The Gregsons got a flat tire driving along the shore.
What happened to the Gregsons while they were driving along the shore? |
| 10. he almost got bitten | The mailman almost got bitten running away from that dog.
What happened to the mailman while he was running away from that dog? |
| 11. she lost her balance | Polly lost her balance riding her bike around the corner.
What happened to Polly while she was riding her bike around the corner? |
| 12. he got stung by a bee | Timmy got stung by a bee hurrying toward his mother.
What happened to Timmy while he was hurrying toward his mother? |

5 BEFORE AND AFTER. Q&A WITH WHEN

Teacher Mrs. McGregor moved here just after quitting her job.

S. 1 When did Mrs. McGregor move here?

S. 2 Just after quitting her job.

S. 3 When did Mrs. McGregor quit her job?

S. 4 Just before moving here.

Teacher My mother gets up about an hour before I do.

S. 5 When does your mother get up?

S. 6 About an hour before I do.

S. 7 When do you get up?

S. 8 About an hour after my mother does.

Continue (Only the questions are written out)

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| 1. A person should think before acting. | When should a person think?
When should a person act? |
| 2. She got a job after her husband was killed. | When did she get a job?
When was her husband killed? |
| 3. Her grandfather died long before she was born. | When did her grandfather die?
When was she born? |
| 4. She's going to set the table after doing the dishes. | When's she going to set the table?
When's she going to do the dishes? |
| 5. She made a phone call just before leaving the office. | When did she make a phone call?
When did she leave the office? |
| 6. They went home half an hour after the class ended. | When did they go home?
When did the class end? |
| 7. I got a letter from Harry just before he went abroad. | When did you get a letter from Harry?
When did Harry go abroad? |
| 8. I read over my report before handing it in. | When did you read over your report?
When did you hand in your report? |
| 9. Bob'll get here shortly after Bill does. | When'll Bob get here?
When'll Bill get here? |

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| 10. She invited her friends after
having the house re-
decorated. | When did she invite her friends?
When did she have the house re-
decorated? |
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6 UNTIL, WHILE, DURING, FOR AND SINCE. SUBSTITUTION

She was working in a factory until the war ended.

She was working in a factory during the war.

She was working in a factory while the war
was going on.

She's been working in a factory for several years.

She's been working in a factory since the war ended.

Continue (Use SHE as subject throughout)

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| 1. stay at home | She's been staying at home since the war ended. |
| 2. until next June | She'll be staying at home until next June. |
| 3. I'm traveling | She'll be staying at home while I'm traveling. |
| 4. the vacation | She'll be staying at home during the vacation. |
| 5. since she gradu-
ated | She's been staying at home since she graduated. |
| 6. the vacation
begins | She'll be staying at home until the vacation
begins. |
| 7. be able to work | She'll be able to work until the vacation begins. |
| 8. (negative) | She won't be able to work until the vacation
begins. |
| 9. a long time | She won't be able to work for a long time. |
| 10. the summer | She won't be able to work during the summer. |
| 11. she finds a job | She won't be able to work until she finds a job. |
| 12. she had a baby | She hasn't been able to work since she had a
baby. |
| 13. her husband's
away | She won't be able to work while her husband's
away. |
| 14. go out | She won't be able to go out while her husband's
away. |
| 15. the storm | She won't be able to go out during the storm. |