Connectives: before, after, when, if

Examples:

He has a hot bath <u>after</u> he plays rugby. <u>After</u> he plays rugby, he has a hot bath.

I always brush my teeth <u>before</u> I go to bed. <u>Before</u> I go to bed, I always brush my teeth.

I will get some sweets \underline{if} I do well in my spelling test. \underline{If} I do well in my spelling test, I will get some sweets.

*Notice that you need to use a comma when the connective starts the sentence.

I like going to the beach <u>when</u> it is sunny. <u>When</u> it is sunny, I like going to the beach.

Activity 1

Rewrite these sentences so that the position of the connective changes (see example).

- 1. Before she eats her fish, she always eats all of her chips.
- 2. I am allowed to watch television after I do my homework.
- 3. If her leg gets worse, my cat will have to go the vet.
- 4. I would like to go to university when I am older.

Activity 2

Fill in the gaps. Use before, after, if or when.

- 1. He practises really hard before an important football match.
- 2. After getting out of the shower, she dries herself with a towel.
- 3. If it is raining, we won't be able to play in the park.

- 4. I get a bit scared when my dad drives the car really fast.
- 5. You should wear my jumper if you're feeling cold.
- 6. When my dog is excited, she jumps on the sofa.