Connectives: before, after, when, if

Examples:

He has a hot bath **after** he plays rugby.
After he plays rugby, he has a hot bath.

I always brush my teeth **before** I go to bed.
Before I go to bed, I always brush my teeth.

I will get some sweets **if** I do well in my spelling test.
If I do well in my spelling test, I will get some sweets.

I like going to the beach **when** it is sunny.
When it is sunny, I like going to the beach.

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

Activity 1

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

1. She always eats all of her chips before she eats her fish.

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2. After I do my homework, I am allowed to watch television.

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3. My cat will have to go the vet if her leg gets worse.

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4. When I am older, I would like to go to university.

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Activity 2

Fill in the gaps. Use <u>before</u>, <u>after</u>, <u>if</u> or <u>when</u>.

1. He practises really hard _____ an important football match.

2. _____ getting out of the shower, she dries herself with a towel.

3. _____ it is raining, we won't be able to play in the park.

4. I get a bit scared _____ my dad drives the car really fast.

5. You should wear my jumper _____ you're feeling cold.

6. _____ my dog is excited, she jumps on the sofa.

Activity 3

Now try writing some of your own sentences using <u>before</u>, <u>after</u>, <u>if</u> and <u>when</u>. Have a go at using them at the start and in the middle of the sentence.