

Linking words

(Underline the correct linking word in the text)

Last summer my grandparents invited me and my brother to spend a weekend at their farm in a small village. *Before/after/while* ⁽¹⁾ we went there, we planned how to get there. We decided to take a bus, *because/while/when* ⁽²⁾ it was too far to go by bike.

After/Before/When ⁽³⁾ we packed our suitcases, we made a list of the things we would need. *After/While/until* ⁽⁴⁾ my brother was packing his suitcase, I was still writing my list. *By the time/Until/during* ⁽⁵⁾ he closed his suitcase, I hadn't started to pack yet.

Kevin looked at me and said: "I have packed my suitcase. Look, here it is. What about you?"

"Oh", I answered, "I haven't started yet. I was still writing my list, *while/before/during* ⁽⁶⁾ you were packing. I'm going to pack tonight. We won't leave *during/until/by the time* ⁽⁷⁾ tomorrow morning."

On Saturday morning we got up early. *While/Before/during* ⁽⁸⁾ I went to the breakfast table, I finished packing my suitcase. *By the time/during/while* ⁽⁹⁾ I started breakfast, my brother had already finished eating.

After/Before/While ⁽¹⁰⁾ we left the house, we kissed our parents good-bye. We were in a hurry, *because/while/after* ⁽¹¹⁾ the bus stop was ten minutes away. Unfortunately we couldn't run, *because/while/when* ⁽¹²⁾ the suitcases were too heavy. So *by the time/during/while* ⁽¹³⁾ we got to the bus stop, the bus had already left. *During/While/Because* ⁽¹⁴⁾ we were waiting for the next bus, it started to rain. *When/Until/During* ⁽¹⁵⁾ the bus finally came, we were pretty wet. *During/While/When* ⁽¹⁶⁾ the bus trip we made plans for our first day at the farm.

"I'm going to ride on Uncle John's horse *as soon as/before/until* ⁽¹⁷⁾ we arrive", my brother said.

"I'm not sure yet", I said. „Maybe I'll just look around the farm. Or I'll help Aunt Mary in the kitchen."

While/When/After ⁽¹⁸⁾ we arrived, our uncle was already waiting for us at the bus stop. He was sitting in his car *while/when/during* ⁽¹⁹⁾ the bus stopped.

When/While/Before ⁽²⁰⁾ he saw us, he got out of the car and greeted us.

While/Before/Until ⁽²¹⁾ he carried our suitcases to his car, he shook our hands.

During/While/Before ⁽²²⁾ we were driving to the farm, he explained every interesting castle on the way.