Language UNLEASHED

Syntax, Grammar & Discourse Resources



Conjunctions Mastery: 'before'

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Instructions

Please note there is a glossary of helpful terms on page 47

Welcome:

Welcome to this great set of Language Unleashed activities. The
conjunction. Conjunctions are the words that join sentences to
instantly become more complex and elaborate. Conju

Here's what's in these activities:

- Lots of beautiful, natural,
  - We use 'ev
  - We

And here's w

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- One conjunc
- One conjuncti
- More than one
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A word on dosage:

We know that if we take medici
us get better quickly without sid
for language goals, too. Language
and thoroughly[1]. The best dosage
more about this as you read through

Meyers-Denman, C. N., & Plante, E. (2016). Dose sche
nguage impairment. Language, Speech, and Hearing Ser

Make sure you also have plenty of chat about the photos and follow the learner's language lead as you chat together – respond to their comments, congratulate their ideas, then extend those ideas!

Be playful and engaging. Allow the learner to add comments.

A word on cognitive load:

Cognitive load refers to the amount that the learner has to think about at one time. Learning can only happ
the cognitive load is not overwhelming. In this program, learners are asked to learn the meaning of a conjun
and how to use the conjunction to form a complex sentence. This might make the cognitive load too big for
learners.

To reduce the difficulty of the task, you can:

- Repeat the conjunction on its own or in a short phrase.
  For example:

I will brush my teeth before I go out → Before. Before. Before. Before. Before.

I will brush my teeth before I go out → Before I go.

Once you are confident that the conjunction is no longer new vocabulary, and that the learner
some ease, you can go over the pictures again and use the entire complex sentence and conju

- Take just one or two key words from each clause and join them with the conjunction. Th
  gets experience in using the unfamiliar language of the conjunction. They get this experie
  to do the heavy cognitive work of also repeating the clauses. For example:

I will brush my teeth before I go out → Teeth before out.

- Use items that the learner can see and hold to help them with this language learning
  'visual supports'. When a learner can 'see' the parts of a whole sentence, it can help t
  and to understand the 'parts'.

Here's what you need:

- Use a pencil to represent the first clause of the sentence.
- Use an eraser to represent the conjunction.
- Use a different colour pencil to represent the second clause of th

Here's what you do:

- Point to each 'visual' item as you say the corresponding senten
  learner, and with the learner.
- You could also use Lego and attach the relevant conjunction



Record Sheet

Student Name:

Date	Conjunction	Needed support to copy	Able to copy correctly	Able to generate own sentence	Comments

Rule Sheet - before

Joining words

We use joining words when we want to link two ideas together.
It helps our sentences sound better. They are not so short and choppy.

before



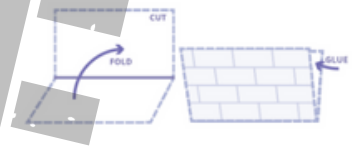
Before tells us about the order of events. It gives informat
sequence. **Before** is an earlier point in time

I will brush my teeth before I go out

Before I go out I will brush my teeth.

Notice that in the first sentence, the action that is said first also happens first.
In the second sentence, the action that is said first actually happens second. When
beginning of a sentence, it changes the order of events. Some learners find before a bit
and use at the beginning of a sentence. Be aware of this. If your learner has trouble w
Unleashed resource *All About Before* offers many activities to help learners master this

Conjunction Bricks



before	**before**

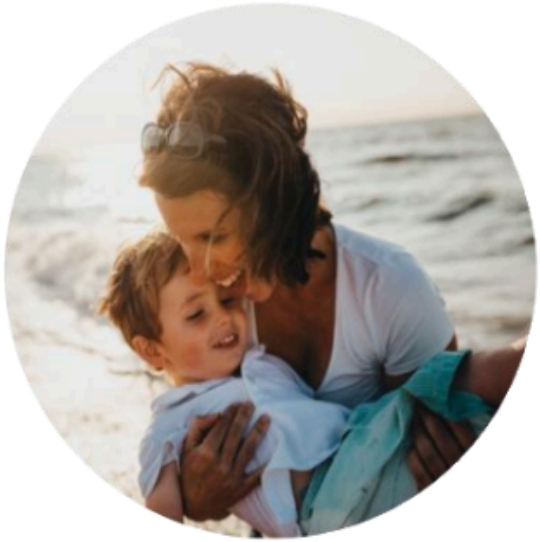
SAMPLE



Crossing the Road

Before 1

et seated before they eat.
ooked carefully before they crossed the road.
e crossing the road before they have lunch.
ke off my gloves before I eat.
e girls crossed before the bike crossed.
e lights will come on just before the sun goes down.
hese people got a seat before the other customers.
They'll order a drink before they sit down.
They'll have their lunch before they go back to class.
The workers watered the plants before they opened the shop.



Mother and Son at the Beach

Before 1

We had a great play before I got wet.
Let's play before we go back to the car.
Let's make a sandcastle before we go.
Mum grabbed me before I got soaked.
Mum will change my shorts before I get cold.
We have fun at the beach before we go home.
His shorts got wet before Mum picked him up.
Mum picked him up happily before he could cry.
A wave splashed on him before he could get out of the way.
Sometimes the waves crash down before you can get out of the way.

Enjoy talking about the picture.

Model each sentence, and support the child to repeat, simplifying as needed.

Focus on one conjunction at a time.



Child Watering

Before 1

st before she does the watering.
ring before she peeks at the birds.
an before she pours the water.
before she starts to pour.
before she goes inside.
ut before any other flowers came out.
use before she goes inside.
ore they hatch.
she goes to play.
before she waters the shelf plants.

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