Introductory Clauses

Setting the Scene

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An introductory clause

comes at the beginning of a sentence and gives us extra information about the main action

Key points:

- Always comes **first**

  - **While scrolling through TikTok during lunch break,** Sarah discovered her own dance video had gone viral overnight.

- Needs a **comma** after it

  - Before the big championship **game,** Marcus practiced his free throws until the gym lights automatically shut off.

- Tells us **when**, **where**, **why**, or **how**

  - Although she had studied for hours, Emma found herself staring at the math test with sweaty palms and a racing heart. (shows us **when**)

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Examples

_____ students flooded into the hallway.

_____ the basketball bounced across the court.

_____ rain poured on the windows.

_____ the pizza arrived at the cafeteria

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After the bell ran, students flooded into the hallway.

When he missed the winning shot, the ball bounced across the court.

Before the tornado started, rain poured on the windows

While our teacher celebrated our victory in the class competition, the pizza arrived at the cafeteria.

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Let's try

_____ the skateboard clattered down the railing.

_____ music blasted from the gym speakers.

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_____ paint splattered across the canvas

_____ the winning goal soared into the net

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