

Time Words

Use these words to talk about when something happens.

They help us tell the order of events and the time something happens.

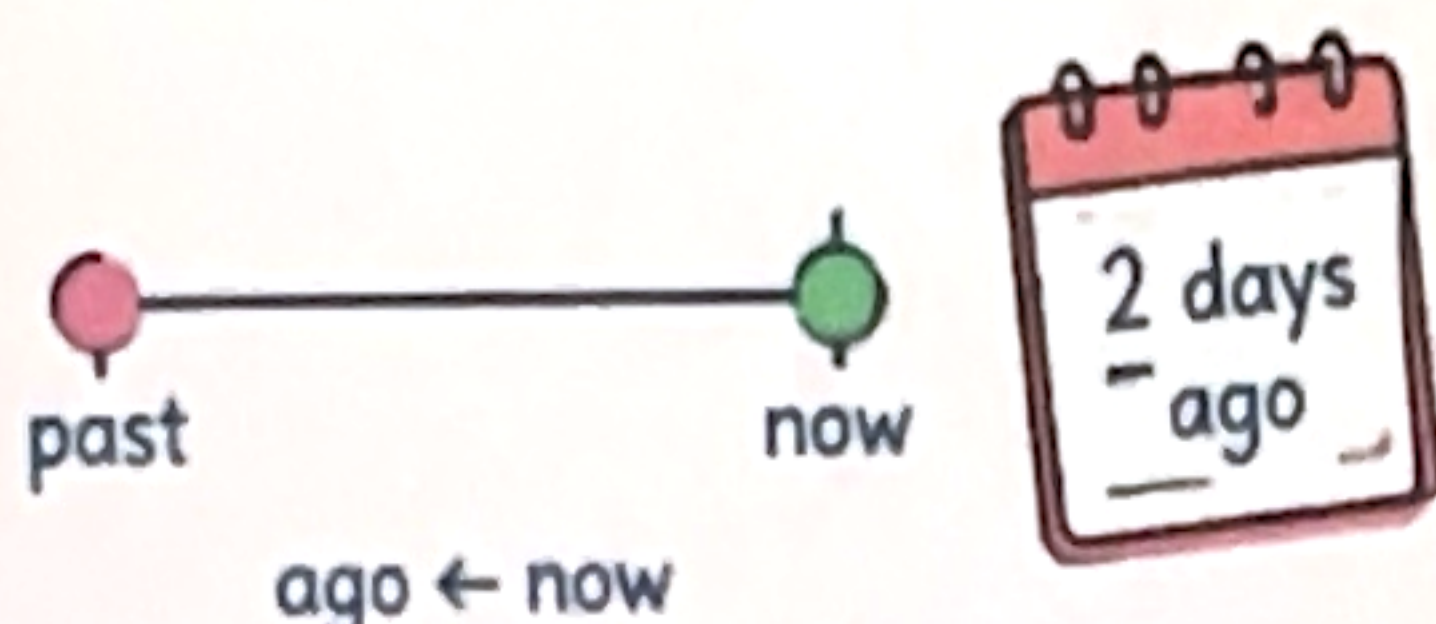


1 AGO

= before now

Use **ago** to say how long before now something happened.
(time + ago)

- I visited Riyadh two days **ago**.
- She started school three years **ago**.
- We watched a movie **an** hour **ago**.

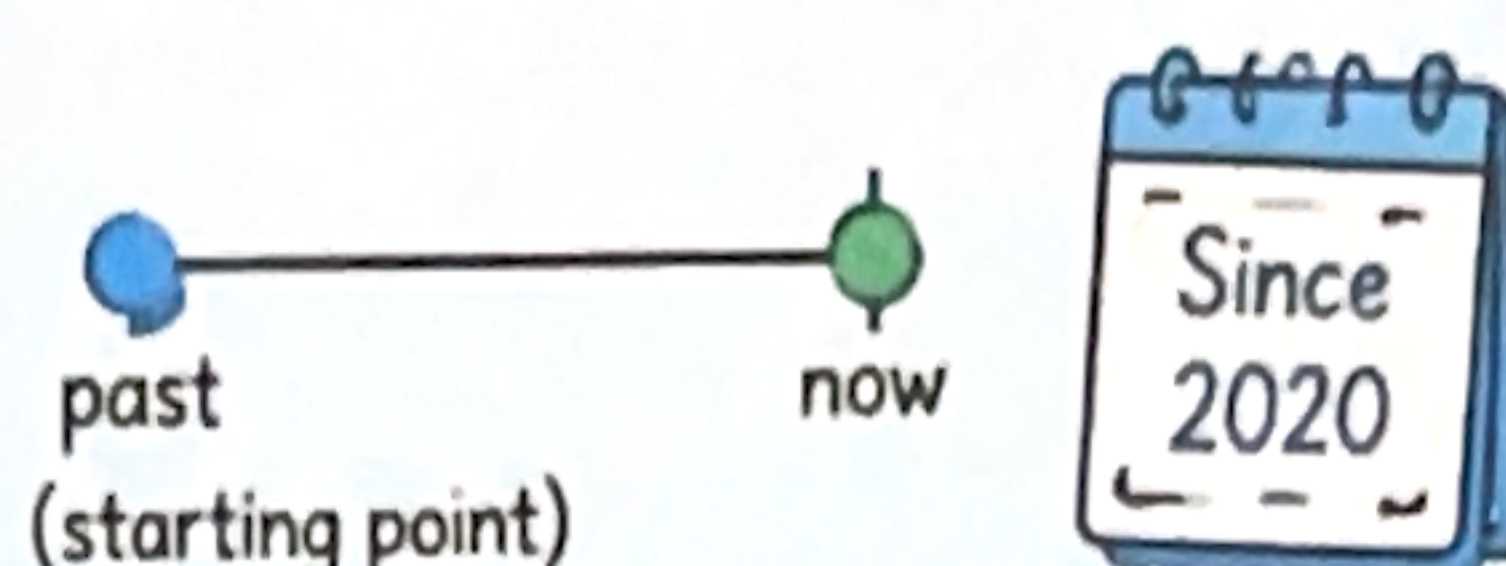


2 SINCE

= from a past time until now

Use **since** when something started in the past and continues until now.
(since + starting time)

- I have lived here **since** 2020.
- She has studied English **since** Monday.
- We have known him **since** childhood.



3 THEN

= next / after that

Use **then** to show what happened next or what happened at a particular time.

- First, I had breakfast. **Then**, I went to school.
- I was living in Jeddah **then**.



4 WHEN

= at the time that

Use **when** to connect two events.

- I was sleeping **when** my phone rang.
- **When** I arrived home, my mother was cooking.
- I was watching TV **when** my friend called.

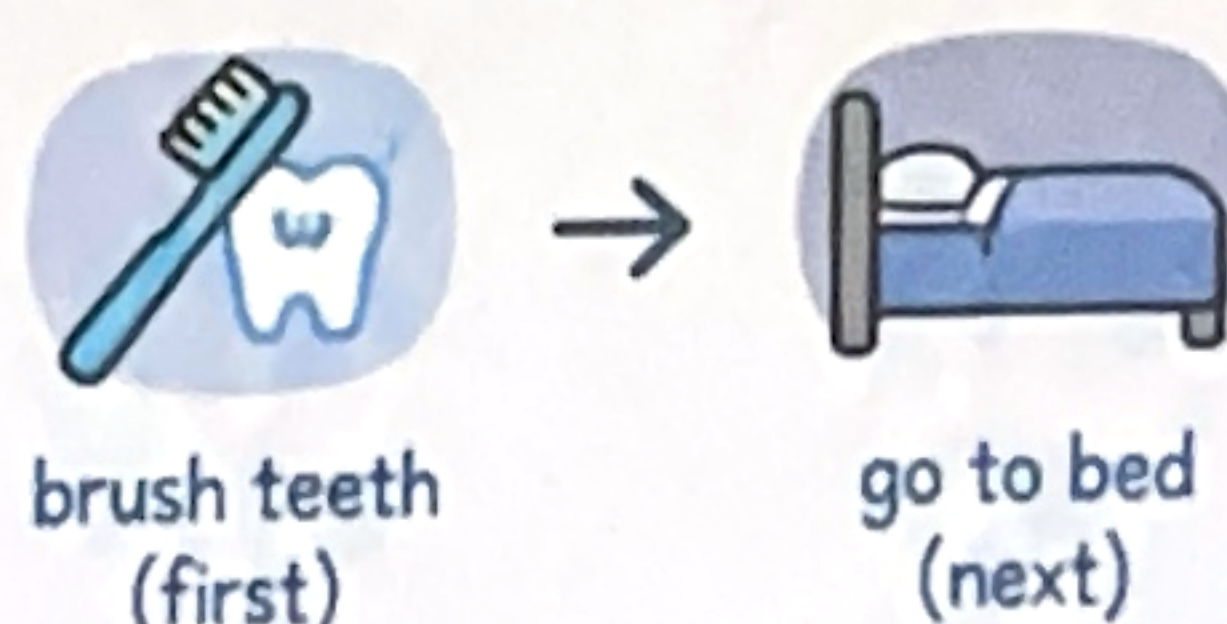


5 BEFORE

= first / earlier than

Use **before** to show that something happens first.

- I brushed my teeth **before** I went to bed.
- Wash your hands **before** you eat.
- I had breakfast **before** school.

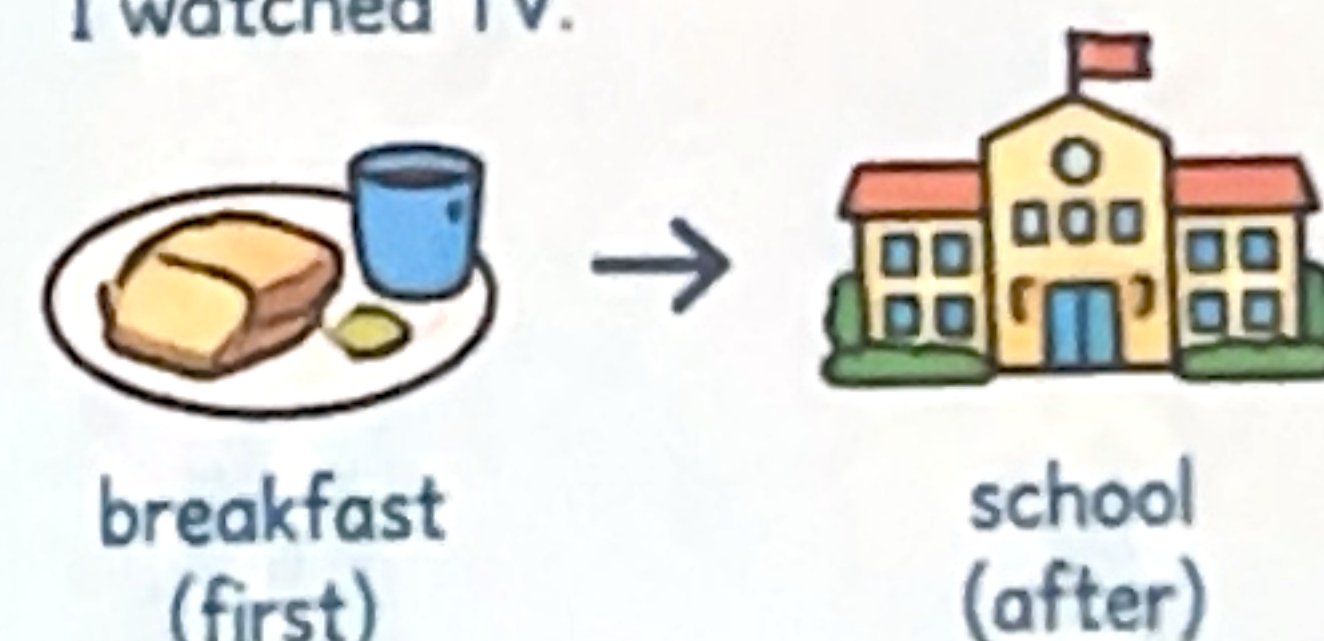


6 AFTER

= later / next

Use **after** to show that something happens second.

- I went to school **after** I had breakfast.
- We played football **after** school.
- **After** I finished my homework, I watched TV.



A Choose the correct word.

- I saw my friend ago (ago / since) two days.
- I have lived in Al Khobar since 2020. (since / before)
- I went to the park after I finished my homework. (after / when)
- I was cooking when my sister was watching TV. (before / when)
- We left home after school. (after / then)
- I was very tired when I got home. (ago / when)

B Look at the pictures. Write a sentence using the correct word.

- I was sleeping when my phone rang. (when / before)
- I had breakfast before I went to school. (before / after)
- I have known her since 2021. (since / ago)
- I played football after school. (after / then)
- I visited my grandparents ago a week. (ago / since)
- I moved to this house with my family. (with / after)

C Put the words in order.

1. I / before / went / to / bed / my / homework / finished.
I finished my homework before I went to bed.
2. lunch / after / we / played / football.
We played football after lunch.
3. started / she / school / three years ago.
she started school three years ago.
4. was / I / watching TV / when / he / called.
I was watching TV when he called.

D Write about you!

Use at least 3 of the time words in your own sentences.

★ Small words... big meaning!



You can do it! ♥