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USE OF ENGLISH

Linkers and time expressions

I can use a range of common linking words and time expressions.

- 1  1.41 **SPEAKING** Look at the photo. Discuss what you think the film is about. Use the ideas in the box. Then listen and check.

civil rights for black women computers
mathematicians American space projects robots

- 2  1.41 Listen again and choose the correct option.

- The three women worked for NASA as *mathematicians* / *astronauts* **during** the 1950s and 60s.
- While** they were working for NASA, they earned *more* / *less* than their white colleagues.
- Segregation between blacks and whites continued **until** the *mid-* / *late* 1960s.
- When** the film came out, Katherine Johnson – now 78 / 98 years old – met the actress who played her.
- As soon as** Johnson arrived at the 2016 / 2017 Oscars ceremony, everyone stood up and cheered.

- 3 Read the LANGUAGE FOCUS. Complete the information with the words in blue in Exercise 2.

LANGUAGE FOCUS

Linkers and time expressions

- You use conjunctions **when/while** to link things that happen at the same time. [conjunction + subject + verb]
¹**While** they were working for NASA, they earned less than their white colleagues
- You use conjunctions **after**/²_____/before/when to link things that happen in an order. [conjunction + subject + verb]
³_____ the film came out, Johnson met the actress who played her.
- You use prepositions **during/for/until (till)/by** as follows:
during + noun phrase to say **when** something happens –
⁴_____ the 1950s and 60s
until (till) + noun phrase to talk about a state that continues up to a point in time –
Segregation continued ⁵_____ the mid-1960s
by + noun phrase to talk about an action that happens at or before a point in time –
Segregation stopped by the late 1960s.

- 4 Choose the correct option. Then change the information to make the sentences true for you.

- I haven't been to the cinema **for** / *during* several weeks.
- I saw *Hidden Figures* *during* / *while* I was on holiday.
- I learnt a lot about American Civil Rights *during* / *while* the film.
- I didn't know that segregation in the USA continued *until* / *by* 1964.
- I ate some popcorn *when* / *after* I was watching the film.
- As soon as* / *While* the film finished, I went home.



- 5  1.42 **USE OF ENGLISH** Read the text. Choose the correct answer, A, B or C. Then listen and check.



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¹**When** Katherine Johnson was a child, she was a maths genius. ²_____ she was only 14, she went to university to study Maths. ³_____ she was studying at university, her Maths professor told her she should become a research mathematician. ⁴_____ she graduated from university she became a teacher. ⁵_____ the 1940s she got married and had children.

She didn't become a research mathematician ⁶_____ she was 35. She got a job as a 'computer' with NASA. Katherine was different from other 'computers' – ⁷_____ she was at NASA, she asked a lot of questions. ⁸_____ Katherine Johnson started work at NASA, only men went to important meetings. She changed that!

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| 1 A When | B Before | C During |
| 2 A While | B When | C Until |
| 3 A During | B While | C After |
| 4 A Before | B While | C As soon as |
| 5 A Till | B During | C While |
| 6 A until | B by | C during |
| 7 A during | B while | C after |
| 8 A Before | B During | C As soon as |

- 6 Complete the sentences. Write five true sentences and one false.

- While I was going home yesterday, I ...
- As soon as I got home, I ...
- During the evening I ...
- I didn't go to bed until ...
- I was fast asleep by ...

- 7 **SPEAKING** Read your sentences in Exercise 6 to your partner for him/her to guess which sentence is false.