



## Reduced time clauses

**Notice how these clauses show time relationships.**

**If the subject is the same in both clauses of the sentence, time clauses with (right) before, (right) after, and while can be reduced.**

**After** I finish my workout, I head to the office.

It is reduced to:

**After** finishing my workout, I head to the office.

(The reduction can be done because we have the same subject: "I".)

**While** he takes his lunch break at work, he often sneaks a five-minute nap.

It is reduced to:

**While** taking his lunch break at work, he often sneaks a five-minute nap.

(The reduction can be done because we have the same subject: "He".)

They're not very approachable **right after** they wake up.

It is reduced to:

They're not very approachable **right after** waking up!

The reduction can be done because we have the same subject: "They".)

**However, other time clauses cannot usually be reduced.**

**Ever since** I was a kid, I've had trouble getting up early.

**As soon as** I get up in the morning, I race off to the gym.

**Until** I've had my coffee, I'm such a grouch.

**Whenever** you have to work with numbers, plan to do it around noon.

I've been a night person **from the moment** I started college.