Before, during, after: answers and notes

What your child practised: using **before**, **during** and **after** as prepositions of time, to say when something happens (Year 3 grammar: expressing time with prepositions).

Page 1 · Warm up

during · after · before

Page 2 · Try it together

Answers will vary. The earlier thing comes **before**, the later one **after**.

Page 2 · A. Ava's Saturday

1. **before** · 2. **after** · 3. **before** · 4. **after**

Page 3 · B. Choose the word

1. **before** · 2. **after** · 3. **during** · 4. **before** · 5. **during**

Page 3 · C. Fix the mix-up

1. I dry myself with a towel **after** my bath.
2. Leo put his helmet on **before** his bike ride.

Page 3 · D. My weekend

Answers will vary. Check each makes sense, with the time word before a thing or event: "**after** tea".

Challenge: Yes, Mia is right. If A happens **after** B, then B happens **before** A: "I had lunch after my swim" and "I had my swim before lunch" tell the same story. Swapping the two events swaps the time word.

Watch out for

- **Mixing up before and after.** This is the most common slip. Ask "Which happened first?" and point to the first thing: that one comes **before**. Acting it out helps: sock on, then shoe.
- **During for something short.** "During" needs something that lasts a while, like a film or a journey. "During the bell" sounds odd.
- **Prepositions need a thing after them.** Here they come before a thing: "before lunch". In chapter 3, before and after also join whole ideas ("before we ate lunch").

Going further (5 minutes, no paper)

- **Bedtime recap:** tell the day together with before, during and after: "What did you do after lunch?"
- **Silly order:** say something in a silly order ("I put my coat on after my walk"). Your child fixes it.
- **In the game:** Chapter 2, Place words, is about words that say **where** things are: under, behind, between.