



# Temporal subordinating clauses using **bevor, nachdem, seit**



# Class Objective

I will be able to understand  
Temporal Subordinating clauses.



## Concept A: Understanding Temporal Subordinating Clauses :

- A complex sentence (Satzgefüge) is formed by a main clause (Hauptsatz)
- and a subordinate clause (Nebensatz).
- **COMPLEX SENTENCE = MAIN CLAUSE + SUBORDINATE CLAUSE**
- **Temporal clauses** are **subordinate clauses** and are always introduced with a conjunction . Temporal clauses indicate when the main clause takes place. Temporal subordinate clauses are introduced with bevor, nachdem , seit and many more.



## Concept A: Understanding Temporal Subordinating Clauses :

### Usage and function :

- They are used to arrange an event or several events in time.T. There are different conjunctions that can introduce a temporal clause.
- The temporal clauses can reproduce the temporal relationships of the
- before (Vorzeitigkeit), simultaneity (Gleichzeitigkeit) or after (Nachzeitigkeit) of the occurrence of subordinate clauses and main clause
- events or provide additional time information that differentiates between point in time and duration.



## Concept A: Understanding Temporal Subordinating Clauses :

### Example :

● **Nachdem** er gefrühstückt hatte, fuhr er zur Arbeit. (Vorzeitigkeit)

● **Bevor** er zur Arbeit fuhr, frühstückte er. (Nachzeitigkeit)

● **Seit** ich in Deutschland lebe, lerne ich Deutsch. (Gleichzeitigkeit)

Gleichzeitigkeit	Vorzeitigkeit	Nachzeitigkeit
seit	nachdem	bevor



## Concept B : Understanding with conjunctions :

### 1. Temporal Nebensatz mit **bevor** (Temporal subordinate clause with **bevor**)

Temporal subordinate clauses with “bevor” describe actions that lie after the action of the main clause. These subordinate clauses express post-temporality. The temporality is sometimes marked by different tense forms in the main and subordinate clauses.

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