

Before (zhīqián; zhī=of ; qián=before)	
我每天睡觉之前都听音乐 Wǒ měitiān shuìjiào zhīqián dōu tīng yīnyuè 我去中国之前学了一点儿汉语 Wǒ qù zhōngguó zhīqián xuéle yīdiǎnr hànyǔ 我今天去朋友家之前听了一会儿的音乐 Wǒ jīntiān qù péngyǒu jiā zhīqián tīng le yīhuǐ'er (a little while) de yīnyuè 我每天睡觉之前都刷牙 Wǒ měitiān shuìjiào zhīqián dōu shuāyá	Everyday before i go to bed, I listen to music Before I go to China, I learn a little Mandarin Today before I went to visit my friend, I listened to music for a little while Everyday before I go to bed, I brush my teeth

Cái(adverb; indicate the action is later than usual or postponed)	
我通常六点起床，可是我七点才起床 Wǒ tōngcháng(usually) liù diǎn qǐchuáng, kěshì jīntiān wǒ qī diǎn cái qǐchuáng 我们六点上课，我的同学小李七点才到 Wǒmen liù diǎn shàngkè, wǒ de tóngxué xiǎo lǐ qīdiǎn cái dào	I usually get up at 6 o'clock but I got up at seven today The lesson started at 6 o'clock. My classmate Xiao Li arrived at 7o'clock

zhīhòu + cái (zhī=of; hòu=after) 2 nd actioned is blocked until after the 1 st action is done	
我每天 都 吃了早饭之后才上班 Wǒ měitiān dōu chīle zǎofàn zhīhòu cái qù shàngbān 我每天 都 刷了牙之后才睡觉 Wǒ měitiān dōu shuāle yá zhīhòu cái shuìjiào 我吃了饭之后才去公园 wǒ chīlefàn zhīhòu cái qù gōngyuán 我女儿起床之后我才去买东西 Wǒ nǚ'ér qǐchuáng zhīhòu wǒ cái qù mǎi dōngxī	Everyday I don't go to work until after breakfast Everyday I won't go to bed until after brushing my teeth I'll wait until after a meal before going to the park I'll wait until my daughter get up before going for shopping

我到了办公室之后才吃早饭 Wǒ dào le bàngōngshì zhīhòu cái chī zǎofàn	I don't have my breakfast until after I arrive my office
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Zhīhòu + jiù (jiù = as soon as) The 2 nd action is done right after the 1 st action	
我每天下班之后就回家 Wǒ měitiān xiàbān zhīhòu jiù huí jiā 我每次吃了墨西哥菜之后就要去厕所 wǒ měi cì chī le mòxīgē cài zhīhòu jiù yào qù cèsuǒ 我每星期一吃了晚饭之后就去上汉语课 wǒ měi xīngqī yī chī le wǎnfàn zhīhòu jiù qù shàng hànyǔ kè 我吃了早饭之后就去上班 Wǒ chī le zǎofàn zhīhòu jiù qù gōngyuán	Everyday I go home right after work Everytime after eating Mexico food, I have to go to toilet (yào=have to) Every Monday, I go to attend Chinese lesson right after dinner I go to work right after breakfast

zhīhòu + dōu	
我每天吃了晚饭之后都看书 Wǒ měitiān chī le wǎnfàn zhīhòu dōu kànshū 我每星期天踢完足球之后 都很累 Wǒ měi xīngqītiān tī wán zúqiú zhīhòu dōu hěn lèi	