

Unit 9

9.1 Time clauses

- Look at this sentence.
I'll give her a ring when I get home.
It consists of two clauses: a main clause *I'll give her a ring* and a secondary clause *when I get home*.
- These conjunctions of time introduce secondary clauses.

when while as soon as after before until

They are not usually followed by a future form. They refer to future time, but we use a present tense.

When I get home, I'll ...
While we're away, ...
As soon as I hear from you, ...
Wait here until I get back.

9.2 will

Form

For the forms of *will*, see p134.

Use

- Will* expresses a decision or intention made at the moment of speaking.
Give me your case. I'll carry it for you.
- It also expresses a future fact. The speaker thinks 'This action is sure to happen in the future'.
United will win the cup.
Tomorrow's weather will be warm and sunny.
This use is like a neutral future tense. The speaker is predicting the future, without expressing an intention, plan, or personal judgement.

9.3 First conditional

Form

if + Present Simple, *will* + infinitive without *to*

Positive and negative

<i>if</i>	I work hard, I she has enough money, she we don't hurry up, we you're late, I	'll (will) won't	pass my exams. buy a new car. be late. wait for you.
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Question

What Where	will	you do she go	<i>if</i>	you don't go to university? she can't find a job?
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Short answer

Will you go to university if you pass your exams?	Yes, I will. No, I won't.
If we look after the planet, will we survive?	Yes, we will. No, we won't.

Note

The condition clause *if...* can come at the beginning of the sentence or at the end. If it comes at the beginning, we put a comma at the end of the clause. If it comes at the end, we do not use a comma.

If I work hard, I'll pass my exams.
I'll pass my exams if I work hard.

Use

- The first conditional is used to express a possible condition and a probable result in the future.
If my cheque comes, I'll buy us all a meal.
You'll get wet if you don't take an umbrella.
What'll happen to the environment if we don't look after it?

Note

- English uses a present tense in the condition clause, not a future form.
If it rains ... NOT If it will rain ...
If I work hard ... NOT If I'll work hard ...
- If* expresses a possibility that something will happen; *when* expresses what the speaker sees as certain to happen.
If I find your book, I'll send it to you.
When I get home, I'll have a bath.



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Go

Time clause

STARTER



What do you think you will do?
What will you do when you go?

PLANNING A TRIP

Time and conditional clauses

1 Clare and her friend Sally are planning a trip. Complete the sentences with phrases from the box below.

- 1 We're travelling round the world ... e
- 2 We're going to leave ... f
- 3 g ... we're going to learn to scuba dive on the Great Barrier Reef.
- 4 h ... we'll look after each other.
- 5 a ... we're going to the USA.
- 6 We can stay with my American cousins ... d
- 7 Our parents will be worried ... c
- 8 We'll stay in the States ... b

- a while we're in Los Angeles.
- b If we get ill,
- c before we go to university.
- d until our visa runs out.
- e When we're in Australia,
- f as soon as we have enough money.
- g if we don't keep in touch.
- h After we leave Australia,

Discussing grammar

- 4 Complete the sentences with *when*, *if*, *before*, or *until*.
- 1 I'll have a bath before I go to bed.
 - 2 I'm coming to London tomorrow. I'll ring you when I arrive.
 - 3 If it's a nice day tomorrow, we can go swimming.
 - 4 Wait here until I get back.
 - 5 If you have any problems, just ask for help.
 - 6 I want to get home before it gets dark.
 - 7 I'm going to have driving lessons until I pass my test.
 - 8 Give me your address before you go home.

3 Put the words and phrases from the box in the correct column.

^D some shopping	^G back home	^T two tablets a day	^G a cold
^G angry	^M friends	^M up your mind	^T a photo
^T somebody out for a meal	^D me a favour	^M a reservation	
^G on well with someone	^M a complaint	^T care	

TAKE	GET	DO	MAKE

4 Complete the sentences with one of the verb phrases. Use the correct form of the verb.

- I _____ while I was in Paris. I bought myself a new sweater.
- 'I don't know if I want coffee or tea.' '_____ . You can't have them both.'
- Bye-bye! See you soon. _____ of yourself.
- Achoo! Oh dear. I think _____ .
- 'Are the doors locked?' 'I think so, but I'll just _____ .'

T 9.5 Listen and check.