

# Conjunctions: if, when

## Introduction



We're going to have a barbecue **if** it's sunny.

## Definition

**If** and **when** are **conjunctions**.

## Construction

Joining two parts of a sentence	At the beginning of a sentence
I worked in Paris <b>when</b> I was young.	<b>When</b> I was young, I worked in Paris.
I'll give him your message <b>if</b> I see him.	<b>If</b> I see him, I'll give him your message.

## Uses

Conjunction<?xml:namespace prefix = "o" ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" />	Use	Examples
<b>if</b>	To talk about something that might or might not happen	We'll cancel the barbecue <b>if</b> it rains.  "Would you like to go out tonight?" "Yes, <b>if</b> I'm not too busy."
<b>when</b>	To mean 'at a time'  To mean 'every time'	We were surprised <b>when</b> he told us about the new contract.  I always go by train <b>when</b> I visit my mother in the south.

## Examples



I'll be late **if** I don't leave now.



Call me back **when** you have the information.



I usually take my husband to the airport **when** he travels on business.  
He calls me every day **if** he remembers!



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