

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 |
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| I worked in Paris when I was young. | When I was young, I worked in Paris. |
| I'll give him your message if I see him. | If I see him, I'll give him your message. |

Uses

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