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 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.**

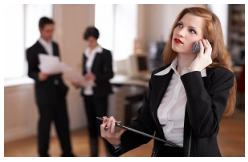
Uses

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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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