

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

Conjunction<?xml:namespace prefix = "o" ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" />	Use	Examples
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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