

# 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.<br><br>"Would you like to go out tonight?"<br>"Yes, <b>if</b> I'm not too busy."           |
| <b>when</b>   | To mean 'at a time'<br><br>To mean 'every time'        | We were surprised <b>when</b> he told us about the new contract.<br><br>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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