

Time Clauses

I'll phone you when I get from work
Time clause (Present Simple)

When I get home, I'll phone you.

When I have read this book, you can have it.
Time clause (Present Perfect)

Other conjunctions:

- while (mientras)
- after (después de que)
- before (antes de que)
- until / till (hasta que)
- as soon as (en cuanto)
- as (cuando)
- whenever (siempre que)

All these conjunctions are followed by a present tense, usually Present Simple.

Conditional Sentences

Zero Conditional

If - clause + *Main clause*

1. If -Present simple + Present Simple

*If you **press** this button, the machine **starts** to work.*
(Present Simple) (Present Simple)
*(The machine starts to work **if you press this button**)*

2. If - Present Simple + Imperative

*If the red light is on, **don't speak**.*
(Present Simple) (Imperative)
*(Don't speak **if the red light is on**)*

First Conditional

If- clause + Main clause

1. If - Present simple + will (+ infinitive)

If you **drink** more water, you **will feel** better

2. If – Modal (+ inf) + will (+ Inf) / Imperative

If you **can** find my wallet, **I'll buy** you an ice-cream..
If you **can** find my wallet, **let** me know.

3. If- Present Perfect + will (+ Infinitive)/ Imperative

If you **have finished** eating, **I'll take** your plate away.
If you **have finished** eating, **do** the washing up.

4. If – Present simple + Imperative

If you **want** to feel better, **do** more exercise.

5. If- Present Continuous + will (+ infinitive)

If you **are working**, **I'll call** you later.

6. If – Present Simple + Be going to (+ infinitive)

If he **doesn't take** care, **he is going to have** an accident.

- **Remember!** the position of the clauses can change:

If you **want** to feel better, **do** more exercise.
Do more exercise if you **want** to feel better.

- **Unless** (= if not): a menos que, a no ser que,
*I won't go to the party **unless** you come too.*
*I won't go to the party if you **don't** come.*

Second Conditional

If- clause + Main Clause

1. If- Past simple + would (+ Infinitive)

If I **had** money, I **would buy** you a house.

2. If – Past Simple + could (+ Infinitive)

If I **lived** in Paris, I **could learn** French.

3. If – Past Simple + might (+ infinitive)

If I **knew** her phone number, I **might invite** her for the party.

- **If I were you**, ... (I / he / she / it were)
- **Could / might** : show less certainty about the result.

Third Conditional

If- clause + Main Clause

1. If- Past Perfect + would have (+ past participle)

If you **had been** here, you **would have repaired** it.

2. If – Past perfect + could have (+ past participle)

If he **hadn't had** the accident, he **could have played** with us.

3. If – Past perfect + might have (+ past participle)

If he **had studied** more, he **might have passed** his exam.

- **Could / might** : show less certainty about the result.