

Subordinating Conjunctions of Condition

Point 1: Subordinating conjunctions of condition show how one action depends on another action.

1. I will call you **if** I am late.
2. **If** you feel sick, you can stay home.
3. **As long as** you exercise, you will stay in shape.
4. I cannot buy a house **unless** I win the lottery!

Point 2: **If** shows a condition. One action depends on another action.

1. **If** it rains, we will not play tennis.
2. We will not play tennis **if** it rains.
3. **If** you help me, I can pay you.
4. I can pay you **if** you help me.

Point 3: **Unless** shows a condition. One action depends on another action. **Unless** is similar to **if .. not**.

1. **Unless** you study, you cannot pass the test.
2. **If** you do **not** study, you cannot pass the test.
3. Do not call me **unless** you are serious.
4. Do not call me **if** you are **not** serious.

Point 4: **As long as** means **if** but it often shows a negative consequence to an action.

1. **As long as** we leave now, we can arrive on time.
2. We can arrive in time **as long as** we leave now.
3. We will play tennis **as long as** it does not rain.
4. **As long as** it does not rain, we will play tennis.

Subordinating Conjunctions with Conditionals

Read and listen to four conversations using the grammar.

Conversation 1 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: Are you coming to the party?

Woman: Yes, I'm going **unless** I get stuck at work.

Man: Really! You might have to work.

Woman: Maybe, but I'll call you **if** I can't make it.

Man: Well, I really hope you can make it.

Woman: Me too! **As long as** we don't get too busy, I should make it, though.

Conversation 2 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Woman: Yes, Mr. Smith, you want to see me?

Man: Yes, We need to talk about your grades. I'm worried that you won't pass the class **unless** you start doing better on your assignments.

Woman: Well, **if** I get an A on the test, can I pass the class?

Man: Yes, I think so, **as long as** you do all your homework assignments.

Woman: OK. I'll make sure I do better, and I'll study hard for the next exam.

Man: I hope so, because **if** you don't, you'll have to take the class again.

Conversation 3 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: Can I use the conference room tomorrow?

Woman: Sure, **as long as** it is not booked.

Man: What should I do **if** it is?

Woman: **If** it's booked, you can use the lecture hall.

Man: Oh, that is too big I think.

Woman: Well, the conference room might be free. I'll check and let you know **if** it is. **If** it isn't, what should I do?

Man: **If** it's booked, then I will wait until it is free. The lecture hall is too big.

Woman: OK, I'll get back to you soon.

Man: Great. Thanks.

Conversation 4 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: Are we still playing soccer tomorrow?

Woman: Yes, I hope so. We'll play **as long as** the weather's nice.

Man: Will we play **if** it rains?

Woman: **If** the rain is not too heavy, we will play.

Man: OK, and **if** it is?

Woman: **If** it is, I'll check with the others and let you know **if** we cancel the game.

Man: Sounds good. Thanks.

Quiz

Answer these questions about the interview.

1) She is going unless she gets stuck _____ .

a) in traffic

b) at work

2) She might fail unless she _____ .

a) comes to every class

b) does better on assignments

3) He can use the room as long as _____ .

a) he books it

b) it is not booked

4) If it rains, they _____ .

a) will still play

b) will definitely not play

Gap Fill: Complete the conversation with the correct word!

Question 1 of 4

Drag the boxes onto the matching gaps.

- coming
- stuck
- make

- might
- hope
- going

- long
- Maybe

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Woman: Me too! As ___ as we don't get too busy, I should make it, though.

Question 2 of 4

Drag the boxes onto the matching gaps.

- pass
- again
- see

- long
- sure
- study

- test
- need

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Question 3 of 4

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- **booked**
- **should**
- **wait**

- **room**
- **lecture**
- **let**

- **back**
- **free**

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Man: Great, thanks.

Question 4 of 4

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- **weather's**
- **Sounds**
- **hope**

- **cancel**
- **soccer**
- **check**

- **rains**
- **heavy**

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Man: ___ good. Thanks.

Corporate Vocabulary

Acquisition

Buying another company.

“That company has grown just by acquisition of other companies.”

“The company achieved significant growth from clever acquisition of rival companies.”

ASAP

As Soon As Possible.

“Call your customers back ASAP”

“Please return your customer’s calls ASAP”

Bottom Line

The essential point.

“Bottom line, the company must downsize to survive.”

“As I understood, the bottom line is that the company must be restructured to stay afloat.”

Capital

Financial assets of a person or company.

“Through hard work they accumulated a sizeable capital.”

“Their hard work paid off, and they were able to amaze a significant capital.”