**Time clauses (as soon as, when, before, while...)**

The **time clauses**in the English language are introduced by:

* conjunctions such as ***after, as soon as, before, till, until, when, whenever, while* or time** OR
* expressions such as ***the minute, the moment* etc**.

We do not use the future tense (will) in a time clause to describe future activities (in this respect, it is similar to if clauses).

A **Time Clause** uses its verb in the **Simple Present**.

Compare:

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| *I'll come back home and I'll do it.* | ***X*** | *I'll do it when I come back home.* (*when I come* is the time clause) |
| *You will push this button and the door will open.* | *As soon as you push this button the door will open.* |
| *Don't stand up. First I'll tell you.* | *Don't stand up till (until) I tell you.* |
| *You'll need my car. Take it.* | *Whenever you need my car you can take it.* |
| *You'll tidy up the house and I'll do the shopping.* | *You'll tidy up the house while I do the shopping.* |
| *You will drop the bomb and it will explode.* | *The moment you drop the bomb it will explode.* |

Exercises

Chose the alternative that completes each sentence correctly:

1. I \_\_\_my homework as soon as this programme \_\_\_.
2. do, will finish
3. will do, finishes
4. When she \_\_\_ my letter, she \_\_\_ my problem.
5. reads, will understand
6. will read, understands
7. Where\_\_\_he \_\_\_ when he \_\_\_ to New York?
8. does-stay, will go
9. will-stay, goes
10. We \_\_\_in the classroom until the teacher \_\_\_us to leave.
11. will stay, tells
12. stay, will tell
13. \_\_\_you \_\_\_ her these when you \_\_\_her?
14. do-give, will see
15. will-give, see
16. I \_\_\_you as soon as we \_\_\_somewhere to live.
17. will marry, find
18. marry, will find
19. As soon as we \_\_\_the tickets, we\_\_\_them to you.
20. will get, send
21. get, will send
22. I \_\_\_you as soon as I \_\_\_ at the hotel.
23. will ring, arrive
24. ring, will arrive
25. When our guests \_\_\_\_, we \_\_\_.
26. arrive, will eat
27. will arrive, eat

10.As soon as I \_\_\_some news, I \_\_\_you.

a. will have, phone

b. have, will phone

I\_\_\_my work after I \_\_\_ a bath.

do, will have