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PROVIDED	ONLY IF	UNLESS	EVEN IF
<p><b>Provided</b> means if or only if. It means that some condition has to be met in order for something else to be true.</p> <p><b>Examples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They can listen to music <b>provided</b> they disturb nobody.</li> <li>• I can afford to have a holiday <b>provided</b> that I earn 1000 dollars a day.</li> <li>• We will go <b>provided</b> that the others go.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Only if</b> expresses the idea that there is only one condition that will cause a particular result.</p> <p><b>Examples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Only if</b> you like pop music is it worth coming tonight.</li> <li>• You can go out <b>only if</b> you finish your homework.</li> <li>• <b>Only if</b> a teacher has given permission is a student allowed to leave the room.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Unless</b> means; except on the condition that. Unless needs a main clause to make a complete sentence.</p> <p><b>Examples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She will be sick <b>unless</b> she stops eating.</li> <li>• <b>Unless</b> you are to tired let's go for a walk at the park.</li> <li>• My son does not speak <b>unless</b> he is asked to.</li> <li>• <b>Unless</b> she was very ill, she would be at work.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Even if</b> means whether or not. It is used to emphasize that something will still be true if another thing happens.</p> <p><b>Examples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Even if</b> you take a taxi, you'll still miss your plane.</li> <li>• You will go to that cinema <b>even if</b> they don't allow you.</li> <li>• <b>Even if</b> they invite me, I won't go there</li> </ul>

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## UNLESS

- Means except on the condition that.
- Needs a main clause to make a complete sentence.

E.g. **Unless** I'm mistaken, she was back at work yesterday.



## EVEN IF

- Means whether or not.
- Used to emphasize that something will still be true if another thing happens.

E.g. You'll have to lump it **even if** you don't like it.

## PROVIDED, AS LONG AS/ SO

- Mean if or only if.
- Used to emphasize the conditions that surround the action.

E.g. - I will agree to go **provided** my expenses are paid.  
- We'll go **as long as** the weather is good.

## ONLY IF

- Expresses the idea that there is only one condition that will cause a particular result.

E.g. I wake up **only if** the school bell rings.

