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Connecting future sentences Conditional clauses

1 Some examples of conditional clauses for the future:

If you leave now, you won't be late.
Unless you leave now, you'll be late.
You won't be late as long as you leave now.
You'll be late even if you leave now.

2 We use **unless**, **as long as** and **even if** to talk about the future in the pattern:

unless/as long as/even if + present simple

3 We use **unless** with a positive verb with the meaning 'if ... not':

Unless I borrow some money, I can't go out tonight.
 (= if I don't borrow ...)

4 We can use **as long as** with the meaning 'if ...':

We'll have a picnic as long as the weather is good.
 (= if the weather is good)

5 We can use **even if** for emphasis:

Even if we score a goal, we won't win the game.

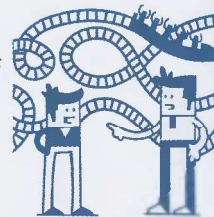
6 We also use **in case** + **present simple** to talk about the future, with the meaning 'because it might happen':

Take my phone number in case you need to contact me tomorrow. (= because you might need to contact me)

Grammar in action

1 We use **unless** to talk about something that is necessary in the future, and to talk about the result if this does not happen:

I won't go on that ride unless you come with me. (= if you don't come with me)



2 We use **as long as** to emphasize that something is only possible in the future if another thing happens or doesn't happen:

As long as you drink plenty of water during the race, you'll be fine.



3 We use **even if** to emphasize that a possible future action or event will not change the future result:

Even if we work all night, we won't finish on time.
 (= because there is too much to do)

4 We use **in case** to talk about possible future situations and problems, and actions that someone takes or can take because these situations and problems are possible. We often use **in case** when we give advice:

Take a jumper in case it gets cold later.

A Music lessons

A music teacher is talking to a group of students in their first lesson.
 Rewrite what he says, using **unless**.

0 You won't improve if you don't practise regularly.

You won't improve unless you practise regularly.

1 If you don't pay attention, you won't learn.

....., you won't learn.

2 You won't enjoy the lessons if you don't concentrate.

You won't enjoy the lessons

3 If you don't make a mistake, I won't tell you to stop playing.

....., I won't tell you to stop playing.

4 You won't be able to join the orchestra if you don't reach a high standard.

You won't be able to join the orchestra

5 If your parents don't buy an instrument for you, you'll have to borrow one.

....., you'll have to borrow one

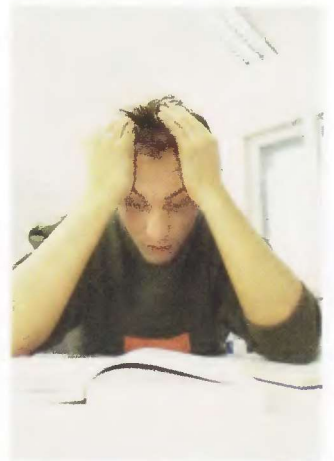
6 If I'm not late for some reason, lessons will always start at 2.30.

....., lessons will always start at 2.30.

B Exam advice

Some parents are talking to their children before they take an exam.
Complete what they say, using *as long as* or *even if*.

- 0 As long as you concentrate (you/concentrate), you'll be fine.
- 1 (you/not panic), you'll be OK.
- 2 (you/not pass), I won't be angry with you.
- 3 (you/write clearly), everything will be fine.
- 4 (you/not know all the answers), you'll pass.
- 5 (some of the questions/be/hard), you'll do well.
- 6 (you/do your best), I'll be proud of you.



C Packing for the trip

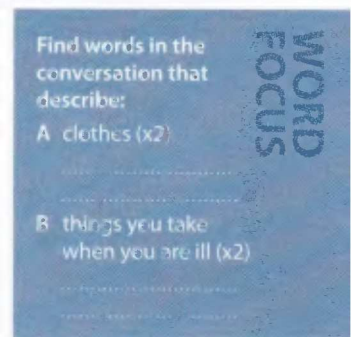
Carl and Rick are packing their suitcases before they go on holiday to another country.
Complete their conversation using *in case* and the words in the box.

we/need we/not be one of us/start we/spend we/have it/get

CARL OK, what are we going to take?

RICK Well, I've packed all my clothes. I've put in all my beach things in case we spend a lot of time sunbathing. But I've also put in a raincoat¹ lucky with the weather. And I've put in a jumper² cold at night.

CARL Good idea. I think I'll do that. Now, I'm going to take various things³ problems during the trip. I'm putting in various medicines and tablets⁴ to feel ill. And I've made a list of various phone numbers⁵ to contact someone in an emergency.



D Kathy's party

Complete this email about a party, using *unless*, *as long as*, *even if* or *in case* and the words in brackets. You will need to use some negative verbs.

Are you going to Kathy's party at the Friends night club next weekend? My Dad says I can go as long as I don't go⁰ (I/go) on my own, so will you come with me? He also says that I can't go¹ (I/get) a taxi home, so you could come back with me and stay at our house. He's going to give me plenty of money for the taxi² (it/be) very expensive late at night, so you won't have to pay for it. Oh, and my Dad also says it's OK for me to go³ (I/get) home by midnight.

The usual crowd from college won't be there. Kevin says he doesn't want to go, so⁴ (he/change) his mind, he won't be there. And Dana won't be there. She's been ill, but⁵ (she/get) better, she won't be able to go because her parents won't let her. And Robin won't go⁶ (his girlfriend/agree) to go too – and she doesn't like night clubs. But⁷ (we/know) many people, I'm sure we'll have a great time.⁸ (the music/be) good, we'll be able to dance and enjoy ourselves. So, please come with me. I'm going to phone you tonight⁹ (you/see) this message before then.