

Conditional and Time Clauses

Time Subordinators

when, whenever, while, as, as soon as,
after, before, till, until

Condition Subordinators

if, unless

RULE 1: Do not confuse condition clauses with noun (if /whether) clauses and time clauses with noun (wh-word) clauses.

Compare:

- a. It is raining outside. I don't know *if* we **will** go to the country tomorrow.
- b. We will call you *if* we **go** to the country tomorrow.
- c. It is easy to find out *when* they **will** arrive.
- d. We will get to know the news *when* they **arrive**.

RULE 2: Do not use will in Conditional and Time clauses

Example 1:

- A: What time **will** you phone me tonight?
B: I'll phone you **when** I **get** home from work.

Example 2:

- A: It's raining. We'll get wet **if** we **go** out.