

52 Planning activities

You can use subordinate time clauses to talk about sequences of events, where one thing must happen before another thing can happen.

 **New language** Subordinate time clauses

 **Aa Vocabulary** Building works

 **New skill** Describing sequences of events

52.1 KEY LANGUAGE SUBORDINATE TIME CLAUSES

English uses "when" and "as soon as" to talk about events or actions in the future that happen before another event or action can take place. These phrases are called subordinate time clauses.

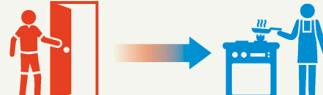


52.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES SUBORDINATE TIME CLAUSES

When I finish my report, I'll call you.



When you get home, will you make dinner?



You can also use subordinate time clauses to ask about future events.

I'll put up shelves when the paint dries.



As soon as it stops raining, I'll go out.



52.3 HOW TO FORM SUBORDINATE TIME CLAUSES

"WHEN / AS SOON AS"

When

PRESENT SIMPLE

it gets dark

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,

FUTURE WITH "WILL"

he'll light the fire.

The present simple describes the first event, even though it is a future event.

The future with "will" describes the second event.



52.4 FILL IN THE GAPS BY PUTTING THE VERBS IN THE PRESENT SIMPLE OR FUTURE WITH "WILL"



As soon as this TV show ends **(end)**, I will go **(go)** to bed.



1 We sing **(sing)** "Happy Birthday" as soon as she come **(come)** in.



2 When I finish **(finish)** fixing the car, I drive **(drive)** you to the station.



3 As soon as she get **(get)** to the beach, she go **(go)** swimming.



4 I call **(call)** him when I arrive **(arrive)** at the hotel.



5 As soon as I find **(find)** my keys, I lock **(lock)** the door.



52.5 READ THE EMAIL AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

To: Jamal
Subject: Building work

Hi Jamal,
I got your email; please don't worry. I know it's difficult to wait for the builders to finish our house. The problem is, they are all dependent on each other. So the plasterer will plaster the wall when the electrician finishes the wiring. The painter will only paint the walls when the plaster is dry. They'll install the kitchen as soon as they finish all the other jobs. Try not to worry about the patio. We'll do it together as soon as I get home. Remember that when I finish this work contract, I'll be home for eight weeks.
Love, Tia

The builders are behind schedule.

True False Not given

1 The plastering comes before the wiring.

True False Not given

2 The kitchen will be the builders' last job.

True False Not given

3 Jamal can work on the patio immediately.

True False Not given

4 Tia will fix the garage.

True False Not given

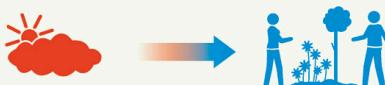
5 Tia has finished her work contract.

True False Not given

52.6 ANOTHER WAY TO SAY SUBORDINATE TIME CLAUSES

UK English sometimes uses the present perfect instead of the present simple in subordinate time clauses.

When it has stopped raining, we'll go outside.



We'll go outside when it has stopped raining.

The present perfect still describes a future event.



52.7 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO, THEN NUMBER THE PICTURES IN THE ORDER THEY ARE DESCRIBED



52.8 SAY THE SENTENCES OUT LOUD, REVERSING THE ORDER OF THE PHRASES

When I get home, I'll call you.

I'll call you when I get home.



3 As soon as I finish work, we'll meet up.



1 I'll buy a car when I've saved enough money.



2 You'll feel better when you've had a rest.



4 When the weather's better, I'll go out.



5 They'll put up pictures when the paint dries.





52.9 MATCH THE BEGINNINGS OF THE SENTENCES TO THE CORRECT ENDINGS

As soon as I've finished this book,

1 They'll buy new furniture

2 When we've built a fire,

3 We'll go and sit outside

4 She'll look for a job

5 When we go to New York,

6 As soon as I get paid,

when they've finished redecorating.

when the sun comes out.

we'll visit the Statue of Liberty.

I'll lend it to you.

we'll cook some food.

I'll buy that expensive dress.

as soon as she finishes college.



52 ✓ CHECKLIST

Subordinate time clauses

Aa Building works

Describing sequences of events

↻ REVIEW THE ENGLISH YOU HAVE LEARNED IN UNITS 48–52

NEW LANGUAGE	SAMPLE SENTENCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UNIT
ZERO CONDITIONAL	When you pour oil onto water, it floats.	<input type="checkbox"/>	48.2
PRESENT SIMPLE PASSIVE	In the experiment, water is heated until it boils.	<input type="checkbox"/>	49.1
FIRST CONDITIONAL WITH "IF"	If we save enough money, we'll go on vacation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	50.1
FIRST CONDITIONAL WITH "UNLESS"	Unless you study hard, you won't pass your exams.	<input type="checkbox"/>	50.7
FIRST CONDITIONAL PLUS IMPERATIVE	If you're cold, put on a coat.	<input type="checkbox"/>	51.1
SUBORDINATE TIME CLAUSES WITH PRESENT SIMPLE	As soon as it gets dark, he'll light the fire.	<input type="checkbox"/>	52.1
SUBORDINATE TIME CLAUSES WITH PRESENT PERFECT	When it has stopped raining, we'll go outside.	<input type="checkbox"/>	52.6