

3-6 EXPRESSING THE FUTURE IN TIME CLAUSES AND IF-CLAUSES

time clause (a) Before I go to class tomorrow, I'm going to eat breakfast. (b) I'm going to eat breakfast before I go to class tomorrow.	In (a) and (b): <i>before I go to class tomorrow</i> is a future time clause. <i>before</i> <i>after</i> <i>when</i> <i>as soon as</i> <i>until</i> <i>while</i> } + subject and verb = a time clause
(c) Before I go home tonight, I'm going to stop at the market. (d) I'm going to eat dinner at 6:00 tonight. After I eat dinner, I'm going to study in my room. (e) I'll give Rita your message when I see her. (f) It's raining right now. As soon as the rain stops, I'm going to walk downtown. (g) I'll stay home until the rain stops. (h) While you're at school tomorrow, I'll be at work.	The simple present is used in a future time clause. Will and be going to are NOT used in a future time clause. INCORRECT: <i>Before I will go to class, I'm going to eat breakfast.</i> INCORRECT: <i>Before I am going to go to class tomorrow, I'm going to eat breakfast.</i> All of the example sentences, (c) through (h), contain future time clauses.
(i) Maybe it will rain tomorrow. If it rains tomorrow, I'm going to stay home.	In (i): <i>If it rains tomorrow</i> is an if-clause. if + subject and verb = an if-clause When the meaning is future, the simple present (not will or be going to) is used in an if-clause.

Directions: Use the given verbs to complete the sentences. Give a future meaning to the sentences.

1. take/read

I'll **read** the text book **before I take** the final exam next month.

2. return/call

Mr. Lee _____ his wife **as soon as** he _____ to the hotel tonight.

3. come/be, not

I _____ home tomorrow **when** the painters _____ to paint my apartment. Someone else will have to let them in.

4. prepare/go

Before I _____ to my job interview tomorrow, I _____ a list of questions I want to ask about the company.

5. visit/take

When Sandra _____ us this coming weekend, we _____ her to our favorite seafood restaurant.

6. stay/call

I _____ by the phone **until** Rosa _____.

7. miss/come, not

If Adam _____ to work tomorrow morning, he _____ a very important meeting.

8. get/be/eat

If Barbara _____ home on time tonight, we _____ dinner at 6:30. If she _____ late, dinner _____ late.

Directions: Complete the sentences by using a form of the words in parentheses. Read carefully for time expressions.

1. Before Tom (go) _____ to bed, he always (brush) _____ his teeth.

2. Before Tom (go) _____ to bed later tonight, he (e-mail) _____ his girlfriend.

3. Before Tom (go) _____ to bed last night, he (take) _____ a shower.

4. While Tom (take) _____ a shower last night, the phone (ring) _____.

5. As soon as the phone (ring) _____ last night, Tom (jump) _____ out of the shower to answer it.

6. As soon as Tom (get) _____ up tomorrow morning, he (brush) _____ his teeth.
7. Tom always (brush) _____ his teeth as soon as he (get) _____ up.
8. After I (get) _____ home from work every afternoon, I usually (drink) _____ a cup of tea.
9. After I (get) _____ home from work tomorrow afternoon, I (drink) _____ a cup of tea.
10. I (have, not) _____ any tea until I (get) _____ home from work tomorrow.
11. After I (get) _____ home from work yesterday, I (drink) _____ a cup of tea.
12. While I (drink) _____ a cup of tea yesterday afternoon, my neighbor (come) _____ over, so I (offer) _____ her a cup of tea too.
13. My neighbor (drop, probably) _____ over again tomorrow. If she (come) _____, I (make) _____ a cup of tea for her.