

Time words and phrases

With some time words and phrases, we use the present simple to talk about the future. We don't use *will* or *be going to*.

after	I'll call you after we solve the problem.
as soon as	I'll call you as soon as we solve the problem.
before	It'll be a few days before we find the solution.
until / till	I won't call you until we find the solution.
when	It'll be great when we find the solution.
while	I'll be in the office while I deal with this problem.



We can also put these time words and phrases at the beginning of the sentence.
✓ **As soon as** we solve the problem, I'll call you.

Although

We use the word *although* to express contrast.

Although + subject + verb, subject + verb **Although** my homework was difficult, I finished it before bed.



We can also put *although* in the middle of the sentence.
✓ I finished my homework before bed, **although** it was difficult.

In spite of / Despite

We use *in spite of* and *despite* to express contrast. They mean the same thing.

In spite of / despite + -ing form, subject + verb **In spite of revising** for hours, I didn't do well in the test.
In spite of / despite + noun, subject + verb **Despite my revision**, I didn't do well in the test.



We can also put *in spite of* and *despite* in the middle of the sentence.
✓ I didn't do well in the test, **despite** revising for hours.

However

We use *however* to express contrast.

Subject + verb. **However**, subject + verb. We believed that we would find a solution. **However**, we were wrong.



We can also put *however* at the end of the second sentence.
✓ We believed that we would find a solution. We were wrong, **however**.

Unless

The word *unless* means *if ... not* or *except if*.

✓ **Unless** you hurry up, we'll be late. (= **If** you **don't** hurry up, we'll be late.)
For more information about conditional sentences, see Units 28 and 29.

A The phrases in bold are wrong. Write the correct phrases.

- 1 We'll have something to eat when we **will get** home.
- 2 I won't book the tickets until you **will tell** me to.
- 3 I'll come home as soon as the concert **will finish**.
- 4 After you **are going to do** this test, we'll play a game.
- 5 He'll send you a text message before he **is going to leave**.
- 6 Will you go to St. Petersburg while you **will be** in Russia?

B Complete using the correct form of the verbs in the box.

be • come • finish • have • leave • return • take

- 1 Call me as soon as you any news.
- 2 She'll have to do a lot of revision before she the exam.
- 3 Are they going to visit you while they in the UK?
- 4 Do you **want** to go to university after you school?
- 5 Claire **won't** have a break until she all her homework.
- 6 The lesson can't start till the teacher

C Circle the correct word.

- 1 **Although / Despite** the water was cold, we still went swimming.
- 2 **Although / Despite** my mum's got a mobile, she never uses it.
- 3 **Although / Despite** looking for hours, I couldn't find a nice pair of jeans.
- 4 **Although / Despite** taking a map, we still got lost.
- 5 I don't like sweets, **although / despite** I do like chocolate.
- 6 We enjoyed the picnic **although / despite** the bad weather.

D Choose the correct answer.

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| <p>1 it was expensive, the CD wasn't very good quality.
A Although B In spite of C However</p> <p>2 being expensive, the CD wasn't very good quality.
A Although B In spite of C However</p> <p>3 the cost, the CD wasn't very good quality.
A Although B In spite of C However</p> <p>4 The CD was expensive., it wasn't very good quality.
A Although B In spite of C However</p> | <p>5 The CD was expensive. It wasn't very good quality,
A although B despite C however</p> <p>6 The CD wasn't very good quality, being expensive.
A although B despite C however</p> <p>7 The CD wasn't very good quality, it was expensive.
A although B in spite of C however</p> <p>8 The CD wasn't very good quality, the cost.
A although B despite C however</p> |
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E Complete each second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

- If the traffic isn't bad, she'll be here at six o'clock.
Unless the traffic bad, she'll be here at six o'clock.
- If it doesn't rain, we'll go to the beach.
Unless it , we'll go to the beach.
- If I'm not tired, I'll come to the party.
Unless tired, I'll come to the party.
- If Mrs Potts doesn't come, we won't have a test.
Unless Mrs Potts , we won't have a test.
- If Sarah comes, we'll watch the video.
We'll watch the video unless Sarah
- If Mum gives me some pocket money, I'll buy a new pair of jeans.
I won't buy a new pair of jeans unless Mum some pocket money.

F Choose the correct answer.

One door leads to freedom, but which one? One guard tells the truth, but which one? I can ask one question, but what?

Here's a problem for you. Imagine you're in a prison cell with two doors. There's a guard at each door. You can ask one of the guards one question, and then you can go through one door.

(1) you choose the right door, you can go free. (2) , if you choose the wrong door, you have to stay in prison forever!

And it gets worse! (3) one of the guards always tells the truth, the other one always lies. And you don't know which one tells the truth.

It's an impossible situation – isn't it? No, it's not. But (4) you're extremely careful, you might choose the wrong door. And you shouldn't choose a door (5) you're absolutely sure it's the door to freedom. And you'll only know it's the right door (6) you ask the right question. So – if you ever find yourself in that situation, here's what you do.

Say to one of the guards, 'If I asked the other guard which door leads to freedom, what would he say?' (7) of not knowing if the guard always tells the truth or always lies, you'll always get an answer that will help you. (8) you get the answer, go through the *other* door. You'll be free!

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| 1 A Unless | B If | C Before | D As soon |
| 2 A In spite of | B Despite | C Although | D However |
| 3 A However | B Although | C Despite | D In spite of |
| 4 A unless | B when | C if | D as soon as |
| 5 A until | B if | C when | D while |
| 6 A unless | B as soon as | C before | D when |
| 7 A Although | B However | C In spite | D Despite |
| 8 A Before | B Although | C As soon as | D Unless |