

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

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

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.