

If or Unless

Use of if and unless

Some students are not sure whether to use if or unless. The difference is, however, straightforward. This page will try to provide an explanation of these two words and show how they are used in conditional sentences.

Meaning of if and unless

If

If means on (the) condition that, provided (that), providing (that), presuming (that), supposing (that), assuming (that), as long as...

Example:

If I am free this evening, I will watch the match.

Unless

Unless means except if.

Example:

You will feel cold unless you wear a warm jacket.

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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