

## Conditionals: Whether or Not, Even If

**Whether or Not** *Whether or not* means that the result will be the same if the condition does or does not happen. Neither condition matters. “*Or not*” can come before or after the adverbial clause. If the conditional clause comes at the beginning of the sentence, it is separated from the main clause by a comma.

*I will go camping whether or not it rains.* (I will camp if it rains. I will camp if it doesn't rain. The weather doesn't matter.)  
*I will go camping whether it rains or not.*

*Whether or not you agree, I will vote for Lucy.*

**Even If** *Even if* has a similar meaning to “*whether or not*”. It means that the condition does not matter. The result will be the same. If the conditional clause comes at the beginning of the sentence, it is separated from the main clause by a comma.

*Pete will play soccer even if his leg is sore.*  
*I always take my dog for a walk even if it rains.*  
*Even if she is tired, Alice gets up early and does yoga.*  
*Our team will be happy even if we don't win the championship.*

Complete the sentences with **WHETHER OR NOT** and **EVEN IF** for each situation.

- The time for the exam is up. Maybe you're finished and maybe you're not, but you have to hand in your papers now.
  - You have to hand in your exams even if \_\_\_\_\_.
  - You have to hand in your exams whether or not \_\_\_\_\_.
- I am really sick. I might feel better tomorrow, but I might not. I have an important meeting tomorrow that I can't miss.
  - I will go to the meeting even if \_\_\_\_\_.
  - I will go to the meeting whether or not \_\_\_\_\_.
- It doesn't matter what you think about my fiancé. I don't care if you like him or if you don't.
  - I will marry him even if \_\_\_\_\_.
  - I will marry him whether or not \_\_\_\_\_.