

Future: Adverbial Clauses

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In the sentence *I saw them yesterday*, the word *yesterday* is an adverb. In the sentence *I saw them last night*, the words *last night*, although individually an adjective and a noun, together do the work of an adverb. When more than one word is used for a single grammatical function, it is called a **phrase** in English. *Last night*, therefore, is an adverbial phrase.

In the sentence *I saw them when I left the store*, the words *when I left the store* are doing the work of an adverb. However, because there is a subject and verb, *I left*, within the group of words, they form a **clause**, not a phrase, in this case an adverbial clause.

EXAMPLES

The Director will see you when the meeting is finished.

I will call you if I have finished before ten o'clock.

We'll take a walk later unless it rains.

Unless it rains, we'll take a walk later.

Notice that the above adverbial clauses are in the present, not the future. Since the following conjunctions introduce adverbial clauses, don't use future tenses with the words below.

if	unless	while	until	before
when	by the time	after	as soon as	

Rewrite these sentences.

1. I / wash / dishes / while / you / dry / them.

2. Susana / go / to the next level / if / she / pass / the test.

3. We / go / to the beach / on Saturday / unless / it / rain.

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4. We / contact / you / if / you / win / the prize.

5. We / to give / you / a 10% discount / if / you / to order / three hundred cases of wine

Change the following sentences into the future.

Example: When Duke went to bed yesterday morning, the sun was shining.

Future: When Duke goes to bed tomorrow morning, the sun will be shining

1. After Justin worked out, he took a shower.

2. What did you do after you left the party?

3. When I got home, I made dinner.

4. As soon as Louis finished his homework, he gave his girlfriend a phone call.

5. After I graduated, I went to graduate school.

6. I lived in Nevada for two years before I returned home.

7. Justine waited for him until he came.

8. By the time Melanie got to the party, she had drunk two glasses of red wine.