

Conjunctions: Unless

FORM:

... **will + base verb + unless + present tense verb...**
(main clause) (subordinate clause)

or

... **unless ... + present tense verb ... + will + base verb ...**

When describing the future, the main clause (noun + verb), the clause which could be a sentence by itself, takes “will + base verb” as its verb form. The subordinate clause begins with conjunctions, such as “**unless**”, “**until**”, “**while**” or “**because**”. It cannot be a sentence by itself. **Subordinate clauses always have present tense verbs when describing the future.**

NOTE: unless = if...not

USE:

This sentence form describes two future actions or states. One, described by “**will + base verb**” will be stopped or prevented by the other, described by the present tense following “**unless**”.

EXAMPLES:

*Boris will play golf on Saturday unless it rains. (if it doesn't rain).
Unless it rains, Boris will play golf on Saturday.*

Make sentences with the same meaning by using UNLESS.

1. I will go to the zoo if it isn't cold.

2. _____
You can't travel abroad if you don't have a passport.

3. _____
You can't get a driver's license if you're not at least sixteen years old.

4. _____
If I don't get some film, I won't be able to take pictures on my trip.

5. _____
You'll get hungry during class if you don't eat breakfast.

Intermediate 3 – Exercise 42 – Conjunctions: Unless

Make sentences with the following, using UNLESS.

1. Bill and Sue / movies / no babysitter

2. They / fly to Rome/ flights are full

3. Tom / mow lawn / rains

5. He / watch the late movie / too tired

4. I / beach / too cold

Complete the following sentences.

1. He will take the job unless _____

4. Unless it rains, she will _____

2. I will go to the movies unless _____

5. Unless he has no money, he _____

3. She will attend university unless _____

6. I will marry him unless _____

Complete the sentences.

1. Your letter won't be delivered unless _____.

2. Unless it rains, _____.

3. I'm sorry, but you can't see the doctor unless _____.

4. Tomorrow I'm going to _____ unless _____.

5. I can't graduate from school unless _____.

6. _____ unless I get a raise in salary.

7. Certain species of animals will soon become extinct unless _____

_____.

8. The political situation in _____ will continue to deteriorate unless _____.

9. The agent won't give you your ticket unless _____.

10. Unless you _____.