

TIME CLAUSES

Time clauses are introduced by:

When

As

Before

While

Till/until

After

No sooner...than

Hardly...when

As soon as

Whenever

Since

By

By the time

The moment (that)

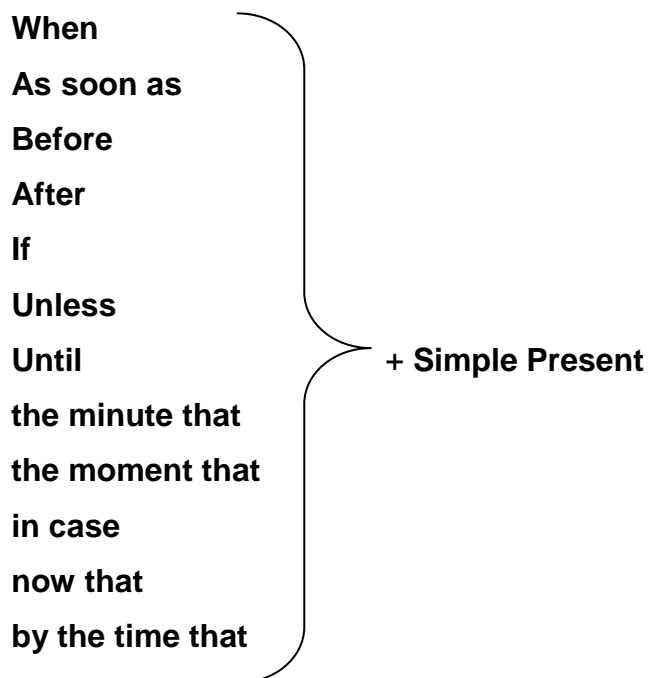
The minute (that)

When the time clause refers to the future, we normally use the **simple present**.

Examples:

- The Owens **will move** to a new flat **when** their baby **is** born. (**NOT** When “**will be born**”)
- I’ll do the dishes when the guests **leave**.
- When I see him, I’ll phone you. (**NOT** When **I’ll see** him I’ll phone you.)
- I’ll wait until I see him. (**NOT** I’ll wait until **I’ll see** him.)
- After I visit the hospital, I will go and see her parents.

We use **Simple Present** instead of Simple Future after :



More examples:

- I'll take an umbrella in case it rains.
- As soon as they phone me I'll contact you.
- They will send you the money before they leave.
- I'll talk to you when the game is over.
- He will explain the moment that he gets home.
- I'll have met the entire committee by the time I leave England.

NOTES :

a. The Present Perfect can also be used with **when**, etc:

eg I'll speak to you when I have finished.

b. Going to or the imperative can be used, when necessary, instead of the future simple:

eg I've decided what to do. I'm going to talk to him when he gets here.

Phone me when he arrives.