



Mini Lesson 121 - The Use of 'Unless' in Conditional Sentences

The word "unless" is used in conditional sentences to mean "if not." It indicates a condition that must be avoided for a particular result to occur. Understanding how to use "unless" can help you express conditions clearly in English.

When to Use 'Unless':

- To show that something will happen only if something else does not happen.
- Example: "I won't go to the party unless you come with me."

Structure:

1. **Unless + subject + verb (present tense)**, subject + will + base form of verb
- Example: "Unless it rains, we will go to the beach."

2. **Subject + will + base form of verb unless + subject + verb (present tense)**
- Example: "We will go to the beach unless it rains."

Examples of 'Unless':

- "You will fail the exam unless you study."
- "I will not eat dessert unless I finish my dinner."





Exercises:

Section 1: Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences using "unless" and the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

1. You won't pass the test _____ you study hard. (study)
2. I will stay home _____ it stops raining. (stop)
3. We won't have a picnic _____ the weather is good. (be)
4. She won't finish the project _____ she starts now. (start)
5. I won't believe it _____ you show me proof. (show)

Section 2: Rewrite the Sentences

Rewrite the following sentences using "unless."

1. If it doesn't snow, we will go skiing.
- We will go skiing unless it _____.
2. If you don't hurry, you will be late.
- You will be late unless you _____.
3. If I don't take the bus, I will be late for school.
- I will be late for school unless I _____.
4. If he doesn't practice, he won't improve.
- He won't improve unless he _____.
5. If you don't eat breakfast, you will be hungry later.
- You will be hungry later unless you _____.





Section 3: Choose the Correct Sentence

Choose the correct sentence from the options provided.

1. a) I will go to the party unless you stay home.
b) I will go to the party if you stay home.

2. a) She won't finish her homework unless she starts it.
b) She will finish her homework unless she starts it.

3. a) Unless you exercise, you will gain weight.
b) If you exercise, you will gain weight.

4. a) We will enjoy our vacation unless it rains.
b) We wouldn't enjoy our vacation unless it rains.

5. a) You will miss the bus unless you leave now.
b) You will miss the bus if you leave now.

Section 4: Complete the Dialogue

Fill in the blanks using "unless" and the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

A: Are you going to the beach tomorrow?

B: I will go to the beach _____ it rains. (rain)

A: What will you do if it rains?

B: I will stay inside _____ I find a good movie. (find)

A: Sounds good! I won't join you _____ you invite me. (invite)

B: Alright, I will invite you _____ I remember. (remember)





Answers:

Section 1:

1. unless you study hard.
2. unless it stops raining.
3. unless the weather is good.
4. unless she starts now.
5. unless you show me proof.

Section 2:

1. We will go skiing unless it snows.
2. You will be late unless you hurry.
3. I will be late for school unless I take the bus.
4. He won't improve unless he practices.
5. You will be hungry later unless you eat breakfast.

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4. a
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