

Future time clauses: when, as soon as, until

Focus: when / as soon as / before / after / until + present simple for the future; when (sure) vs if (not sure)

GRAMMAR: FUTURE TIME CLAUSES

when, as soon as, before, after, until + present simple. Main clause: **will**.

I'll email you when I arrive. Wait **until** he **comes back**. Not: until he will come.

when = sure: I'll pay **when** I get my salary. **if** = not sure: I'll pay **if** I can.

1 Complete with the correct form of the verbs. Use short forms.

Example: I'll email you as soon as the parcel _____ (arrive). → arrives

- _____ (I / send) you the receipt as soon as I find it.
- Don't pay the bill before you _____ (check) it.
- When Lena _____ (get) her salary, she'll open a bank account.
- Ali _____ (not / spend) any money until the sale starts next week.
- After the hairdresser _____ (cut) my hair, I'll meet you.
- _____ (you / call) me when you get to the post office?
- _____ (we / go) to the dry cleaner's after we finish lunch.
- The shop won't send the parcel until you _____ (pay) for it.

2 Choose the correct word.

Example: We'll leave _____ the film finishes. (when / if) → when

- _____ you ever lose your credit card, call the bank immediately. (When / If)
- Wait here _____ the receptionist calls your name. (until / after)
- I'll send it as soon as I _____ the form. (fill in / will fill in)
- Tom _____ you the money when he returns tomorrow. (gives / will give)
- We'll have dinner _____ we finish the shopping. (until / after)
- I'll keep the receipt _____ the guarantee ends. (until / before)

3 Put the words in order.

Example: I'll / until / wait / you call → I'll wait until you call.

- will / you / wait / until / the shop / opens / ?

- until / Don't / the receipt / leave / you get

ANSWER KEY

1 I'll send, 2 check, 3 gets, 4 won't spend, 5 cuts, 6 Will you call, 7 We'll go, 8 pay 2 1 If, 2 until, 3 fill in, 4 will give, 5 after, 6 until 3 1 Will you wait until the shop opens? | 2 Don't leave until you get the receipt.