



WHEN OR IF?

We use **WHEN** for something that is definite or sure to happen and **IF** for something that is not sure or certain.

Compare the following:

- When I wake up in the morning, I have a coffee.
- When I wake up late, I must hurry.

- If I don't wake up on time tomorrow, please wake me up.
- If I don't finish work too late, I'll meet you this evening.

You can use either **WHEN** or **IF** for repeated actions or situations with an **expected** or predictable result.

- When / If I'm late, my boss gets angry.
- When / If the baby wakes up, she cries.

EXERCISE 1

Complete the sentences below with WHEN, IF or BOTH

1. I'll be late _____ I don't hurry.
2. We will see you in Paris _____ we go for Maria's wedding next summer. We've already booked the flights.
3. You won't pass your exam, _____ you don't study.
4. _____ students don't study for their exams, they don't pass.
5. I'm not sure _____ I will go to work tomorrow.
6. I'm not sure _____ the next meeting will be.
7. I'm not sure _____ she likes me.
8. _____ we go on holiday, we like to stay somewhere near the sea.
9. _____ you go out in the rain without an umbrella, you will get wet.
10. _____ he doesn't wear sun cream, his skin goes red.

EXERCISE 2

Answer the questions below using **WHEN** or **IF** in your answers:

1. What will happen if you don't pay your taxes?
2. Where will you go on your next holiday?
3. What is the last thing you do before you go to bed at night?
4. What do you normally cook at barbecues?
5. What type of music do you listen to at the gym or when you are working out?
6. How old do you have to be to drive in your country?
7. How do you feel after you walk or run 5 kilometres?
8. Do you use your phone when you are driving?

EXERCISE 3

Choose **WILL** or **WOULD** for the following situations:

- A. PROMISES
- B. PREDICTIONS
- C. INTENTIONS
- D. UNREAL SITUATIONS
- E. WISHES

EXERCISE 4

Mark the following with **A / B / C / D / E** above:

1. I'll go to the supermarket on my home.
2. The Germans will win the next football World Cup.
3. I would go on holiday more often if I had more time.
4. Would you like to live in a different country?
5. It will be sunny tomorrow.