

Lesson 3



Condition w/ LW

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Grammar Explorer

providing that/as long as

Function

Linking words.

Warm up:

Let's refresh our minds with this example:

- We **will eradicate** corruption **providing that** we **act** now.
- My dreams **will come** true **as long as** they **are** chased.

Let's try with if:

- We will eradicate corruption **if** we act now!
- My dreams will come true **if** they are chased!



Challenge

Notice the tenses of the verbs and try to guess the rule!

Then, try to form sentences using the linking words highlighted in red.

Well done! ✓

 Rule:

- ✓ The linking words: **as long as**, **providing that**, and **provided that** are used to express **condition**. They are similar to: **if** and **only if**.
- ✓ There are two clauses:

We will eradicate corruption **providing that** we act now.

Main/independent clause

(if)

subordinate clause

Future simple ----- linking word ----- present simple



(Rule simplified):

The **main clause** is the sentence that is independent and of full meaning. In other words, it doesn't need another clause. The **subordinate clause** is incomplete and depends on another clause to convey meaning.

You cannot say: “**I will prepare dinner if I eat now**”! Obviously, the act of cooking is a condition for you if you want to eat. Thus, you should say:

“I will have dinner **providing that** I start preparing it now”.