Lesson 3



Condition w/ LW

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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! ✓

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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".

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