

## Condition

You can take my car **providing that** you don't damage it.

(Main clause)

(Subordinate clause)

### The meaning:

I will lend you my car on condition that you don't damage it.

Verb in Future +  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{providing that} \\ \text{provided that} \\ \text{as long as} \\ \text{so long as} \\ \text{but only if} \\ \text{only if} \end{array} \right. + \text{verb in present simple}$

## Wishes

Present wish: (wish, past simple)

Example: I **wish** I **spoke** Italian. (I don't speak Italian.)

Present wish expresses an imaginary situation impossible to happen.

If only = wish

Past wish: (wish, past perfect)

Example: I **wish** I **hadn't eaten** so much. (I ate a lot.)

Past wish expresses a regret about a situation happened in the past.

Future wish: (wish, would + stem (a verb without "to"))

Example: I **wish** I **would stop** smoking.

Can = could

(You are smoking at the moment and it is annoying me.)

Future wish expresses impatience, annoyance or dissatisfaction with a present action.

Wish =  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{If only} \\ \text{It's time} \\ \text{It's high time} \\ \text{It's about time} \end{array} \right. + \text{verb in past simple}$

## Had better

Had better is used to express **advice**

Had better = should = ought to

Had better + stem (a verb without "to")

Example: you **had better** work hard to pass your final exam.

### Negative form:

Had better not + stem (a verb without "to").

Example: you look tired, you **had better not** go to school today.

## Result

Expressing results we use:

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{so} + \text{adj} + \text{that} \\ \text{such} + \text{a noun} + \text{that} \\ \text{such} + \text{phrase} + \text{that} \end{array} \right.$

- Subject + verb + **so** + adjective + **that** + the rest of the sentence.

Example: copies of brand are **so cheap** **that** some consumers don't hesitate to buy them.

- Subject + verb + **such** + a noun phrase + **that** + the rest of the sentence.

Example: It was **such a good film** **that** I watched it twice.

We can express results using other link word:

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{as a result} \\ \text{Consequently} \\ \text{as a consequence} \\ \text{so} \\ \text{thus} \\ \text{therefore} \end{array} \right.$

## Cause

Expressing causes: we use:

- Sentence +  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{because} \\ \text{since} \\ \text{as} \end{array} \right. + \text{subject} + \text{verb} \dots$

Example: - He succeeded in his exam because he had worked hard.

- The audience cheered as it was a good play.

- Sentence +  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{because of} \\ \text{due to} \\ \text{for} \\ \text{owing to} \end{array} \right. + \text{noun phrase.}$

Example: - She succeeded in his exam because of her work hard.

- I had to ask for help because of the difficult of the question.