

# Habitual Present vs. Future Time



After we get out of school, we meet at the fountain.

The **simple present** is sometimes called the **habitual present** because every time one event happens, the other event also happens.



After we **get** out of school, we **meet** at the fountain.

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**Time clauses** and **if-clauses** show the relationship between two events. They can be used to show events that happen **habitually** or in the **future**.

If I **can't understand** this assignment,

if-clause

After we **get out** of school,

time-clause

Habitual present with time clauses: If the events in the **time clause** and in the **main clause** are both **habitual**, the **simple present** is used in **both** clauses.



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Future with time clauses: If the events in the **time clause** and in the **main clause** are about the future, the **simple present** is used in the **time clause** and **be going to** or **will** is used in the **main clause**.



After school tomorrow,  
we **are going to** meet at  
the fountain.

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Habitual present with if-clauses: If the events in the **if-clause** and in the **main clause** are both **habitual**, the **simple present** is used in both clauses.



If I can't **understand**  
~~an assignment~~, I  
~~always~~ **ask** for help.

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Future with if-clauses: If the events in the **if-clause** and the **main clause** are about the future, the **simple present** is used in the **if clause** and **be going to** or **will** is used in the **main clause**.

If I can't understand this assignment,

if-clause

main clause

I'm going to ask for help.

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If I can't understand this assignment, I **will** ask for help.

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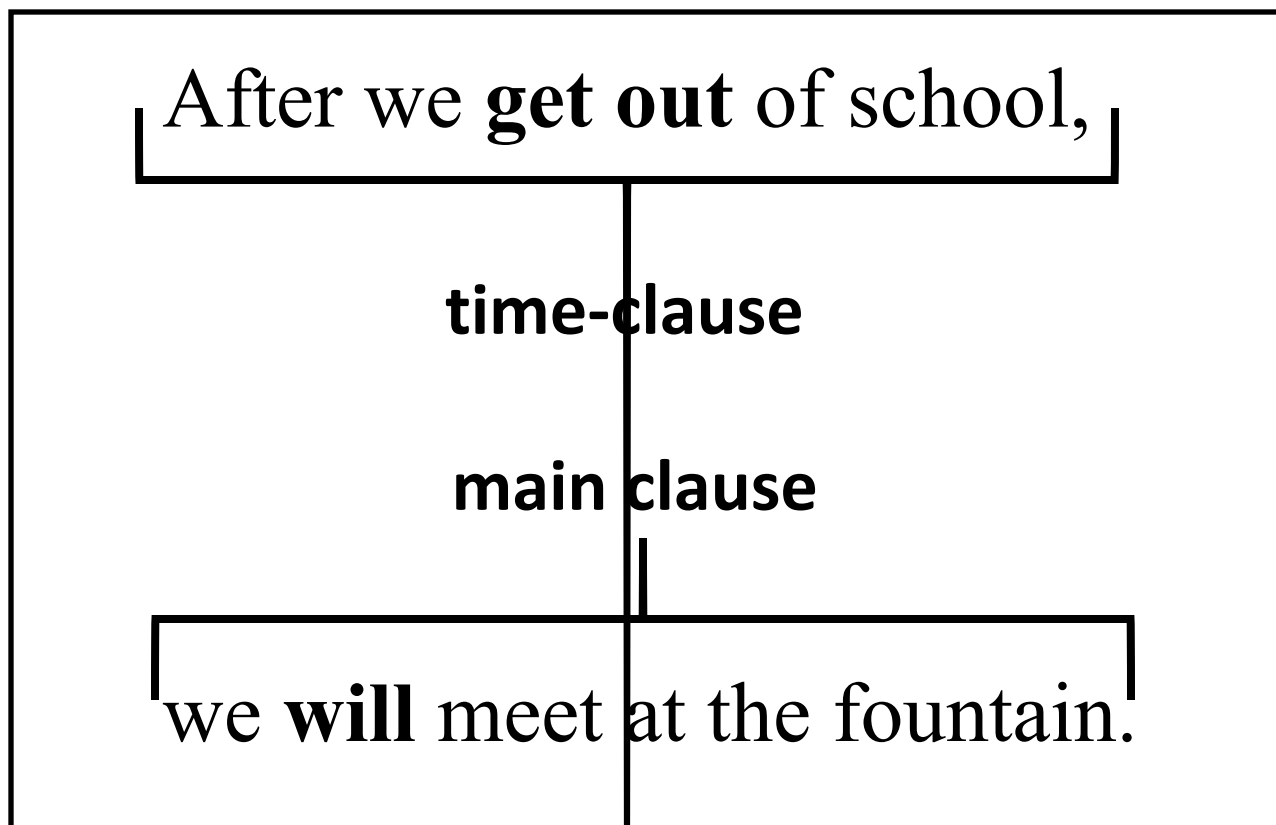
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## Habitual Present vs. Future

Before we have a big test, I study all night.

Before our next big test, I am going to study all night.

When I go to Miami, I stay with Bob.

When I go to Miami tomorrow, I will stay with Bob.

If I finish my homework, I will go out.

If I finish my homework tonight, I will go out.

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Click on the correct sentences.

After I get home tonight, I study.

**incorrect**

After I get home tonight, I will study. or

**correct**

After I get home tonight, I am going to study.

When people see her, they always smile.

**correct**

Before I get home, I will buy bananas.

**correct**

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Click on the correct sentences.

When I think about you, I am happy.

**correct**

If I get home early, I showered.

**incorrect**

If I get home early, I will take a shower. or

**correct**

If I get home early, I'm going to take a shower.

When it rains, she carries an umbrella.

**correct**

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