**The Uses Of ‘Unless ‘**

The subordinating conjunction ***Unless*** is used in English sentences to say that if something does not happen, something else will happen. In most cases ***unless*** means ‘if not’. We use it in conditional sentences instead of if not.

**Unless** can be used with present, past and past perfect tenses. Itis used with present tense when talking about the future.

**1. Present :**

**E.g :** You will damage your health unless you stop smoking = you will damage your health if you do not stop smoking.

**2. Past :**

**E.g :** Unless she was working late, she would be here = if she was not working, she would would be here.

**3. Past perfect :**

**E.g :** I would not have taken Paul unless his car had not broken down = if Paul’s car had not broken down i would not have taken him.

**N.B : Unless**cannot be used in questions. E.g : what will you do if you do not pass this final exam ? **NOT** what will you do unless you pass this final exam ?

Exercise : Complete the following sentences :

1. You don’t have to play you want to. (unless if, unless, if unless)
2. She will be here tonight her flight is delayed. ( if unless, unless if, unless)
3. I would not have bought these unless they on sale. ( was, is, were)
4. I email you unless i have a problem. (would have, won’t, did)
5. Unless mistaken, he works for Adidas. ( I’am, I will, I would)
6. I to college unless it’s raining. (would walk, walked, walk)