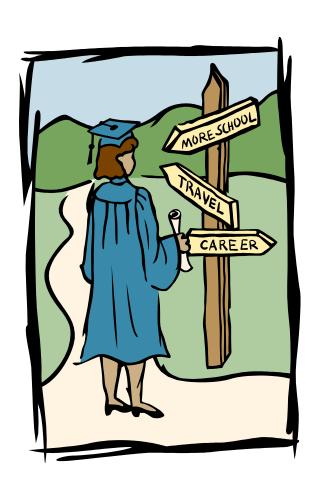
Future time clauses

Often, we want to talk about the future in relation to something happening in the present, so we use a "time clause."

- He'll look for a job when he graduates.
- I'm going to work after I graduate.

When a sentence about future time tells about two actions, the main action is in the *future* (*will* or *be going to*) and the verb in the *time clause* is often in the present tense.

The time clause can be at the beginning or the end of the sentence.



- Before I look for a job, I will finish my studies.
- I will finish my studies before I look for a job.

(Look where the comma is!)

Here are some common time expressions.

• When, after, and as soon as often introduce the event that happens first.

When I graduate, I will look for a job.

• *Before*, *until*, and *by the time* often introduce <u>the event</u> that happens second.

By the time I get a job, I'll be out of school.

Before I get a job, I'll finish school.

Until I get a job, I'll live with Mom to save money.

While shows that two events are happening at the same time.

• While I look for a job, I will continue to study.

(I will look for a job and study during the same time period.)

Practice

Sandy and Jeff will get married.	
Then Sandy will graduate.	
before	•
Marta will be 42.	
Marta will get her diploma.	
By the time Marta	diploma,
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