

UNIT 27 as long as, as soon as

1. 'as long as' is used when an incident or event can only happen if a condition is fulfilled.

Example A

You may go out to play when you have done your chores.

Answer 1

As long as you have done your chores, you may go out to play.

Answer 2

You may go out to play **as long as** you have done your chores.

NOTE:

The word 'when' has been excluded from both answers as 'as long as' takes its place. You do not need to change the given tenses for either answer. Remember to include a comma when beginning the sentence with 'as long as'.

2. 'as soon as' is used when a sentence indicates that an action has to be carried out at once.

Example B

I will start my revision the moment I finish my lunch.

Answer 1

I will start my revision **as soon as** I finish my lunch.

Answer 2

As soon as I finish my lunch, I will start my revision.

NOTE:

'the moment' is excluded from both sentences as 'as soon as' in each answer has the same meaning. Remember not to change the tenses in the given sentence. In this case, do not be tempted to change 'finish' to 'finished' in your answer.

EXERCISE

For each question, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

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1. You will do well if you are diligent.

As long as _____

2. You must keep stirring or the stew will burn.

_____ as long as _____

3. The trap snapped when the rabbit stepped into it.

As soon as _____

4. Martha knocked the alarm clock onto the ground the moment it rang.

As soon as _____

*5. A walk twice a day will keep the puppy happy.

As long as _____

6. Mr Wong walked into the classroom and immediately began closing the windows.

As soon as _____

7. The molasses touched the snow and immediately hardened into candy

as soon as _____

8. Unless you drink this, you will not get well.

As long as _____

9. A minimum order of \$12 is required for free delivery

as long as _____

*10. With a wave of her wand, the witch turned the Prince into a frog

as soon as _____