

Cheat Sheet: connector **wenn**

To express a **condition** we use the connector **wenn**.

Ich **höre** Radio, **wenn** ich Deutsch **lerne**. (*I listen to the radio, when I learn German.*)

Keep in mind that the verb is kicked to the end in a sub-clause. And the connector **wenn** introduces a sub-clause.

It can be translated sometimes with *when* and sometimes with *if*.

It's a better approach to understand that it expresses a **condition**.

It gives the answer to the question *when* or *in which case/under which conditions*.

Wann kochst du? (*When do you cook?*)

Ich koche, **wenn** ich nach Hause **komme**. (*I cook, when I come home.*)

Wann fährst du nach Deutschland? (*When do you go to Germany?*)

Ich fahre nach Deutschland, **wenn** ich eine Arbeit **finde**. (*I go to Germany, when I find a job.*)

You can also start the sentence with the sub-clause.

Wenn ich Deutsch **lerne**, **höre** ich Radio. (*When I learn German, I listen to the radio.*)

Wenn ich nach Hause **komme**, **koche** ich. (*When I come home, I cook.*)

Wenn ich eine Arbeit **finde**, **fahre** ich nach Deutschland. (*When I find a job, I will go to Germany.*)

You see that in this case the sub-clause ends with the verb and the main clause starts with the verb. It's as if both verbs are “touching” or “kissing” each other.