

# After conjunctions

## expressing an unknown future

The Subjunctive is used after conjunctions that imply a future uncertain action. The most commonly used conjunctions are:

**before (that) = antes de que\***  
**after (that) = después de que\***  
**until (that) = hasta que**  
**in order, so (that) = para que**  
**unless (that) = a menos que**  
**even though = aunque**

Notice the *que*. This is the “bridge” that allows you to conjugate the next verb. The action must occur in the present or in the future for the Subjunctive to be used.



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1. Before you (*tú*) leave, I want to talk with you. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. We're going now, before it gets too hot (it makes too much heat). \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ haga demasiado calor
3. After we see the film, he's going to take us home. \_\_\_\_\_ llevarnos
4. You (*tú*) can eat after you (*tú*) wash your hands. \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. My sister is going to answer the telephone until we return. \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Until he learns English, we're going to speak Spanish. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Their mother has two jobs in order that they (*m*) go to school. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. We are going to wash our clothes now in order that we don't have to do it later. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Unless they (*f*) leave very soon, they're going to arrive late. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. They (*m*) don't want to go to the beach unless you (*Ud.*) go also. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ también
11. Even though he doesn't want to, he's going to do it tomorrow. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. We're going to begin the class even though we aren't going to finish it. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. They (*f*) are going to send money so that we can buy more gifts. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. The mechanic isn't going to fix the car unless we pay an advance. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ un anticipo
15. I want him to sign the check before my client leaves. \_\_\_\_\_  
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As an oral exercise, cover the Spanish or English column and translate.

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| 1. Antes de que salgas, quiero hablar contigo.                                  | 1. Before you ( <i>tú</i> ) leave, I want to talk with you.                         |
| 2. Vamos ahora, antes de que haga demasiado calor.                              | 2. We're going now, before it gets too hot.   |
| 3. Después de que veamos la película, él va a llevarnos a casa.                 | 3. After we see the film, he's going to take us home.                               |
| 4. Puedes comer después de que te laves las manos.                              | 4. You ( <i>tú</i> ) can eat after you ( <i>tú</i> ) wash your hands.               |
| 5. Mi hermana va a contestar el teléfono hasta que regresemos.                  | 5. My sister is going to answer the telephone until we return.                      |
| 6. Hasta que él aprenda inglés, vamos a hablar español.                         | 6. Until he learns English, we're going to speak Spanish.                           |
| 7. Su madre tiene dos trabajos para que ellos vayan a la escuela.               | 7. Their mother has two jobs in order that they ( <i>m</i> ) go to school.          |
| 8. Vamos a lavar nuestra ropa ahora para que no tengamos que hacerlo más tarde. | 8. We are going to wash our clothes now in order that we don't have to do it later. |
| 9. Al menos que ellas salgan muy pronto, van a llegar tarde.                    | 9. Unless they ( <i>f</i> ) leave very soon, they're going to arrive late.          |
| 10. Ellos no quieren ir a la playa al menos que Ud. vaya también.               | 10. They ( <i>m</i> ) don't want to go to the beach unless you (Ud.) go also.       |
| 11. Aunque él no quiera, va a hacerlo mañana.                                   | 11. Even though he doesn't want to, he's going to do it tomorrow.                   |
| 12. Vamos a empezar la clase aunque no vayamos a terminarla.                    | 12. We're going to begin the class even though we aren't going to finish it.        |
| 13. Ellas van a mandar dinero para que podamos comprar más regalos.             | 13. They ( <i>f</i> ) are going to send money in order that we can buy more gifts.  |
| 14. El mecánico no va a arreglar el coche al menos que paguemos un anticipo.    | 14. The mechanic isn't going to fix the car unless we pay an advance.               |
| 15. Quiero que él firme el cheque antes de que mi cliente salga.                | 15. I want him to sign the check before my client leaves.                           |