

ALTERNATIVES TO IF IN CONDITIONALS

UNLESS

=IF NOT

*I won't go to the party **unless** you go too. (=I won't go if you don't go too.)*

IN CASE

BECAUSE SOMETHING MIGHT HAPPEN

*I'll take an umbrella **in case** it rains. (=I will take it because it might rain.)*

*I'll take an umbrella **if** it rains. (=I will take it only if it rains.)*

WHETHER OR NOT

SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN IN EITHER OF TWO POSSIBILITIES

*I'll help him **if** he needs me. (=I will help him only if he needs me.)*

*I'll help him **whether or not** he needs me. (=I will help him if he needs me, and I will help him if he doesn't need me, too.)*

EVEN IF

(=WHETHER OR NOT). MORE EMPHASIS

***Even if** you apologise, he'll never forgive you.*

(=Whether or not you apologise, he'll never forgive you.)

AS LONG AS, PROVIDED/PROVIDING THAT, ON CONDITION THAT, ONLY IF

(=IF) TO EMPHASISE THE CONDITION

*I'll tell you what really happened **as long as/only if** you can keep the secret.*

*I'll lend you the money **provided/on condition (that)** you pay me back next month.*

SUPPOSE/SUPPOSING

(=IF) IMAGINING A SITUATION

***Supposing** I got a job, I wouldn't be able to travel with you next summer.*

***Suppose** she doesn't believe you, what would you do then?*