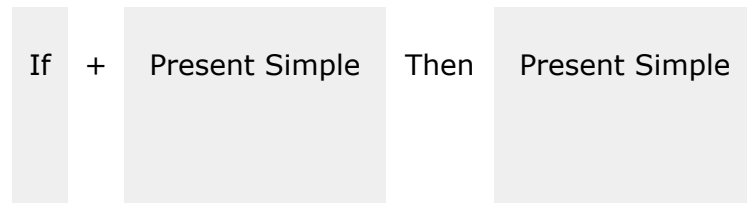


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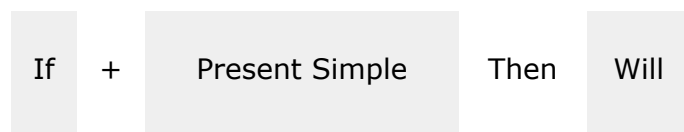
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3. However, if Enrico fails, he (not be) won't be\_\_\_\_\_ very happy.

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5. Alan (not / win)won't win\_\_\_\_\_ the lottery if he doesn't buy a ticket.

6. If you eat too much chocolate you (become)will become\_\_\_\_\_ fat.

7. We (not / go)won't go\_\_\_\_\_ to the restaurant if you're not hungry.

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