

Grammar Lesson:

As long as / provided (that) / providing (that)

As long as *or* so long as (وظيفة هذه الكلمات هي الشرط)

Provided (that) or providing (that) / All these expressions mean ‘if’ or ‘on condition that’.

For example:

- You can use my car **as long as/so long as** you drive carefully. (= you can use my car but you must drive carefully - this is a condition)
- Traveling by car is convenient **provided (that)/providing (that)** you have somewhere to park. (but only if you have somewhere to park)
- **Providing (that)/ provided (that)** she studies hard, she'll pass her exams. (= she must study hard – if she does this, she will pass)

When you are talking about the future, do *not* use **will** after **as long as / provided / providing**. Use a *present* tense.

عند الحديث عن المستقبل لا نستعمل (will) بل نستعمل المضارع البسيط

- **Providing** she **studies** hard, she will pass the exam. (*not* ‘providing she will study’)