

HSK 5 Grammar 19: Conditional statements

HSK 5 一旦 , 就 for a turning point, taught from the reviewed topic handout; classroom examples, not official exam items.

Once the line is crossed

The plan: walk to the museum.



The turning point: 一旦雨停了 — once the rain stops,



The result: 我们就走去博物馆。 we will walk to the museum.

The frame: 一旦 + condition , subject + 就 + result

- 1 一旦 first 一旦航班取消，机场就会帮旅客改签。
- 2 Subject first 你一旦把地址填错，包裹就会送到别人家里。
- 3 Where 就 goes The result's subject comes before 就: 公司就会开发票, never 就公司会开发票.

Decision

The result can take 会, 要, 能, 可以 or 得 after 就; a comma usually separates the two parts.

一旦 or 一 就?

一 就 — one right after the other

妹妹一到家就打开电视。

A known habit or a past sequence.

一旦 就 — if this point is reached

一旦明天降温，公园里的花就要搬进温室。

A turning point still ahead: a plan, rule, risk or warning.

Your turn: habit or turning point?

Your turn

Every evening, Chen leaves the lab the moment the alarm rings. Which sentence best matches that fact?

- A. 陈一听到警报就离开实验室。
- B. 陈一旦听到警报，就离开实验室。
- C. 一旦陈离开实验室，警报就听到。

Your turn: where does 就 go?

Your turn

Which sentence uses the natural form of 一旦 就?

- A. 一旦客户确认价格，就公司会开发票。
- B. 一旦客户确认价格，公司就会开发票。
- C. 客户一旦确认价格，公司会就开发票。

Answers: turning points

- 1 **The alarm** 陈一听到警报就离开实验室。 A known habit takes 一 就.
- 2 **The invoice** 一旦客户确认价格, 公司就会开发票。
- 3 **The budget** 经理一旦批准预算, 团队就开始这个项目。
- 4 **Yesterday's bell** 昨天孩子们一听到铃声, 就跑到了操场。 A real past sequence.

Decision

The 一旦 version of the alarm sentence is possible Chinese, but it frames a case still being considered.

Check yourself

Your turn

A warning on a medicine box: once you feel dizzy, stop taking it straight away. Which sentence fits?

- A. 一旦感到头晕，就要马上停止服用。
- B. 一感到头晕，马上就停止服用了。
- C. 一旦感到头晕，马上停止就服用。