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.

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

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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。