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We will go to the cinema <u>if you tidy your bedroom.</u>			I'd love an ice cream <u>when I have finished reading my book.</u>		
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