

Ellipsis in Conditional Sentences

Ellipsis = Omission, Deleting

Point:

If the main verb is the same in the if-clause and the main clause, we can omit the main verb in the second part of the conditional sentence.

omit = delete

Examples:

If he **agrees**, I will **agree**, too.

If he agrees, I will, too.

If he doesn't **agree**, I won't **agree**, either.

If he doesn't agree, I won't, either.

I will **agree** if he **agrees**.

I will agree if he **does**.

Point:

In the third example, after we delete the main verb in the if-clause, there is no helping verb. There we should use a helping verb (do or does).

I won't **agree** if he doesn't **agree**.

I won't agree if he doesn't.

Source:

[Pre-Intermediate 2 \(anglophone.ir\)](http://anglophone.ir)