**Stunde 35**

**Als/Wenn/Wann/Ob**

Use "**wann**" for **questions and indirect questions**. Examples of **indirect** questions:

* Ich weiß nicht, **wann** das Konzert ist
* Wer weiß, **wann** das Wetter besser wird
* Sag mir, **wann** du fliegst [==> also: Sag ihm/ihr, wann du fliegst]
* ***If in doubt*, use "wann" only if you see a question mark**; you'll only occasionally be wrong [i.e. when "wann" is used to form indirect questions as in the examples above]
* **Overuse of "wann" is the most common als/wenn/wann error**

Use "**als**" for **completed past events**, e.g. "**Als** ich in Berlin war, …" or "**Als** ich 5 war, …"

* The book's explanation is that "als is for simultaneous events in the past." Both explanations are correct; most of the time, the "completed past events" version is easier/more intuitive.

Use "**wenn**" for **present and future events**, and for **repeated events in the past** ("immer wenn…")

Finally, use "**ob**" IF AND ONLY IF you COULD say "**whether**" in the equivalent English sentence.

* ***If in doubt* between "wenn" and "ob," use "wenn."**

"Als," "wenn" and "ob" are **subordinating** conjunctions ("**Verb am Ende**"). So is "wann," when it's not used to form a direct question with a question mark.

* Note that this applies to all w-words: when they are not used to form a question, they move the verb to the end: Ich weiß nicht, **wer** meine Lieblingsband **ist**; Ich frage mich, **wo** meine Schuhe **sind**; Niemand weiß, **wann** ein Mensch zum ersten Mal Feuer gemacht **hat**.