

German

How and when you use social media and technology

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- Using verb comma verb

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[ch]



Buch

you make
this 'CH'
sound at the
back of your
throat if it is
preceded by
a, o, u or au





[ch]



Buch



machen

acht

8



Fach

Nacht



die SMS	text message
simsen	to text
senden	to send
benutzen	to use
telefonieren	to call
anrufen	to call
nützlich	useful
nutzlos	useless



Wenn

‘**Wenn**’ is a subordinating conjunction. This means it kicks the **verb** to the end of the sentence/clause (similar to weil and obwohl).

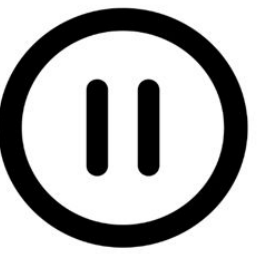
Wenn ich Zeit **habe**.

‘**Wenn**’ means if/when and can be used in the present, future or conditional.

But what happens if the sentence starts with **wenn** (or any other subordinating conjunction)?

Let’s take a look.....





Here is an example:

Wenn ich Zeit **habe**, **simse** ich.

As you can see the **wenn** has kicked the **first verb** to the end of the clause;

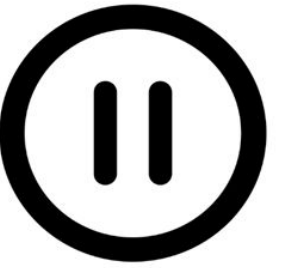
and the **second verb** has inverted with the **pronoun**;

place a **comma** between the two verbs;

this has now made a **verb comma verb**



Feedback



Which verb from today's lesson are we looking for here?

a r n u e n f anrufen

What is wrong with this sentence? 'Wenn ich bin zu Hause, ich telefoniere meine Oma.'

Wenn ich zu Hause bin, telefoniere ich meine Oma.

What does verb comma verb mean?

first verb goes to end of sentence, second verb inverts with pronoun

Translate:
When I download music, I listen to it on my phone.

Wenn ich Musik herunterlade, höre ich sie auf meinem Handy.

