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UNLESS

Don't say: "Unless he didn't speed, he wouldn't cause an accident."
Say: "Unless he speeded, he wouldn't cause an accident."

We use **unless** in conditional sentences. It means **if not** and it is followed by a positive verb.

ACCIDENT   R – Richard, E - Elen

R: Hi Elen, have you heard what happened to Roger?
E: Hi Richard, no, anything serious?
R: Yes. He had an accident last night. Right now he is staying in hospital in the **intensive care** department. He has **concussion**. But don't worry, the doctors said he would **recover** soon.
E: Oh no! And how did that happen?
R: He **breached driving rules**. Unless he had **speeded**, he wouldn't have **caused** an accident.
E: That sounds crazy. Didn't he drive the speed limit? Was there anyone else **injured**?
R: No, luckily not. But he hit another car in front of him when **taking** it **over**.
E: That's horrible! When did it happen?
R: It was during **rush hour** – at 5 p.m. when everyone was going home from work.
E: I am really sorry to hear that. When is it possible to visit Roger in the hospital?
R: Well, I am going to see him today after work. You can join me.
E: Fine!

VOCABULARY

intensive care – intenzivní péče   **speed**– překračovat rychlost
concussion – otřes mozku   **cause –** způsobit
recover – zotavit se   **injured –** zraněný
breach – porušit   **take over -** předjet
driving rules – pravidla silničního provozu   **rush hour –** špička

QUESTIONS: Fill in conditional sentences correctly.

1. Unless we_____(drive) slowly, we will get a fine.

2. He would be ill unless he_____ (listen) to the doctor.

3. In my work everything goes well, unless there _____(to be) an urgent task.

4. Unless he followed the rules, he _____(cause) an accident.

Key: 1. drove 2. listened 3. is 4. would cause

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