**As soon as (conjunction)**

We use *as soon as* to show that something happens immediately, i.e. ‘at the very moment another action is completed’, or ‘shortly after another action is completed’.

* *I’ll call you****as soon as****I arrive.*  
  [= ‘I will arrive and then I’ll call you immediately.’]
* ***As soon as****I have the information, I’ll tell you.*  
  [= ‘I’ll get the information and then I’ll tell you immediately.’]

**As soon as I  . . .**

We do not use *will* with *as soon as* when speaking about the future:

* *I’m going to have a shower****as soon as I******get****home.*
* *He will be back tomorrow; I’ll give him the message****as soon as I******see****him.*

**Position of *as soon as* in a sentence**

*As soon as* comes at the beginning of a subordinate clause. We can begin our sentence with either the subordinate clause or the main clause – the meaning is the same. Look at this example:

* *As soon as we got out the car,****it started raining***.[subordinate clause]**[main clause]**
* ***It started raining****as soon as we got out the car.***[main clause]**         [subordinate clause]

**Which tenses do we use with *as soon as*?**

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| **Tenses used with *as soon as*** |
| We use the [**present simple**](http://speakspeak.com/resources/english-grammar-rules/structure-of-english-tenses/present-simple-grammar) with **as soon as** when we speak about repeated actions.  ***As soon as he wakes up****, he checks his phone for messages.* |
| We use the **present simple** with **as soon as** when we speak about the future. We do **not** use *will*.  *I'll go to the shops****as soon as it stops****raining.*  ~~as soon as it will stop~~ |
| We can also use the [**present perfect**](http://speakspeak.com/resources/english-grammar-rules/structure-of-english-tenses/present-perfect) with **as soon as** when we speak about the future. The meaning is the same.  *I'll go to the shops****as soon as it has stopped****/****as soon as it stops****raining.* |
| We use the [**past simple**](http://speakspeak.com/resources/english-grammar-rules/structure-of-english-tenses/past-simple) with **as soon as** when we speak about the past.  We can also use the [**past perfect**](http://speakspeak.com/resources/english-grammar-rules/structure-of-english-tenses/past-perfect). The meaning is the same.  *They restarted the tennis match****as soon as the rain stopped****. They restarted the tennis match****as soon as the rain had stopped****.* |