

# The professor and his driver



Professor Higgins, one of the world's top astrophysicists, was giving a six-month lecture tour of universities around Europe. He only had one more lecture to give (1) **before** / **after** the tour ended.

Higgs didn't like flying, (2) **but** / **so** he travelled by car. He had his own driver (3) **but** / **because** he was too tired to drive (4) **after** / **before** he'd finished his lectures.

One morning, (5) **until** / **as** they were driving to the last lecture, his driver, Harry, said, 'You know, Professor, I always sit in the hall (6) **when** / **after** you give your lecture, and I know it so well by now, I think I could give it myself!' Of course, Harry was only joking, (7) **but** / **so** Professor Higgins knew Harry was a clever man, and he wanted to test the idea.

(8) **Until** / **As soon as** they arrived at the university, the professor and Harry swapped clothes. The professor then sat quietly at the back of the hall (9) **before** / **while** Harry gave the lecture.



Harry had a fantastic memory and gave the lecture perfectly! He waited **(10) until / as soon as** the audience had finished clapping and started to leave the stage. Suddenly, someone stood up and said they wanted to ask a question. Harry listened to the long, complicated question, and then he spoke:

‘Mmm, that’s a very good question. And **(11) because / although** it seems a difficult one, the answer is actually very simple. In fact, it’s so simple that ... ’