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Words and phrases that can confuse





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In case of - In cases of

In case of indicates something you do before, to prevent a future problem:

Take an umbrella in case it rains (take an umbrella because it could rain in the future);

Buy some insurance in case of accidents (buy some insurance now against future problems.

In cases of indicates something you do after, to "repair" a problem that has happened: In cases of headache, take an aspirin (take an aspirin after you have a headache)