

Conditional

Factual
or real
Conditional

If + present simple, present simple

If clause

result clause

1. For general truths

Ex: Ice melts if you heat it.

2. For instructions

Ex: If you press the button, it turns on.

3. Habits and daily routines

Ex: If I drink, I never drive.



You can use **modals** in the result clause:

Ex: If I don't have my glasses, I **can't** drive.

If you want to pass the exam, you **must** study hard.

You can also use the **imperative** in the result clause

Ex: If you drink, **don't drive**.

If you fail the exam, **study more!**

When can
be used
instead of
if

I always smoke **when** I drink.

When I'm sad, I go shopping.



I can't drive **unless** I have my glasses.

You can't drive a car **unless** you have a license.

Unless can
be used
instead of
if not

If the conditional **comes** first, you **need** a comma.

You **don't need** a comma if the conditional doesn't come first.



If + present continuous, simple present

If clause

result clause

If I **am driving**, I never answer my mobile phone.

When I'm reading, my cat sits on my laptop.

1 Match the sentences to make conditionals:

If babies are hungry

don't disturb me

If you touch a fire

they get fat.

If I am sleeping

I listen to my MP3

If people eat too much

People die

If they don't eat

Snakes bite

When I'm jogging

you get burned

If they are scared

they cry

2 Complete the sentences:

1. Plants can die unless _____

2. If you don't sleep _____

3. If I heat water _____

4 She feels good when _____

5 Brush your teeth if _____

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