

Intermediate level

Remember

Conditional sentences

Mini-Grammar 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3

We use the Zero Conditional to describe a rule, something that is always true. We use the First Conditional to talk about a future situation that is possible. We use the Second Conditional to talk about a future situation that is unlikely to happen and to give advice.

1 Zero Conditional

Write about George's day. Make sentences in the Zero Conditional.

- 1 bed late -> up late
If George goes to bed late, he gets up late.
2 up late -> breakfast late
3 breakfast late -> not catch bus
4 not catch bus -> work on foot
5 work on foot -> not in office before 11 a.m.
6 not in office before 11 a.m. -> boss angry
7 boss angry -> George work badly

2 First Conditional

Write sentences in the First Conditional.

- 1 If Kevin (pass) his driving test, he (sell) his bike.
2 I (be) really upset if I (not get) that job.
3 If we (follow) the map, we (not get) lost.
4 If you (not turn down) that stereo, I (throw) it out of the window!
5 Emily (lend) you the money if you (ask) her.

3 Second Conditional for advice

Write sentences in the Second Conditional.

- 1 I need more money. (get/job)
If I were you, I'd get a job.
2 I can't do my homework. (ask/teacher)
3 Elizabeth wants to lose weight. (give up/cakes and biscuits)
4 Their computer doesn't have Internet access. (buy/new computer)
5 I'm good at science and I want a good job. (be/doctor)
6 It's my brother's twenty-first birthday soon. (have/party)

4 First Conditional or Second Conditional

Complete the sentences using the verbs in brackets in their correct form.

- 1 The bus is late. If it (doesn't arrive) (not arrive) soon, we (ll get) (get) a taxi.
2 My sister is very clever. If I (work) (work) harder, I (be) (be) as clever as my sister.
3 Henry doesn't do much sport. If he (do) (do) more sport, he (be) (be) thinner.
4 Look at those clouds. If it (rain) (rain), we (get) (get) wet.
5 I'm really tired. If I (not be) (not be) tired, I (come) (come) over.
6 It's only a short journey. If we (get) (get) there before lunchtime, we (have) (have) time to go shopping.
7 Do you want my advice? If I (be) (be) you, I (find) (find) a new girlfriend.
8 Mary usually does the cooking at home. If she (cook) (cook) tonight, we (have) (have) borsht.