

**The first conditional is used to talk about something that will probably happen or is likely to happen in the future. It can also be used to give advice. The structure is made up of two clauses:**

- A clause starting with 'if' in the present simple tense.
- A clause with a future meaning using 'will', 'be going to', a modal to talk about the future such as 'might' or 'should', or other words that indicate a future time.

Either clause can be first in the sentence. If the 'if' clause is first, a comma separates the clauses. Examples:

- If you work harder, you will have enough money to go to Tokyo.
- You will have enough money to go to Tokyo if you work harder.



**A. Complete the first conditional sentences about giving advice with the words from the box. Use the correct form of the verb in the sentences. You can use each word only once.**

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| report | do         | explain    | help   | hire  |
| might  | (not) tell | (not) want | should | blame |

1. She'll be able to \_\_\_\_\_ more at work if she \_\_\_\_\_ an assistant.
2. If you \_\_\_\_\_ the crime to the police, they will \_\_\_\_\_ you.
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ understand if she \_\_\_\_\_ why she has to leave.
4. If you \_\_\_\_\_ to go with them, you \_\_\_\_\_ tell them.
5. If you \_\_\_\_\_ your boss, he might \_\_\_\_\_ someone else for the mistake.

**B. Put the words in the correct order to make first conditional sentences about giving advice. Add punctuation and capitalization where needed.**

1. survive / take / be able to / extra water / you / will / with you / if / in the desert / you

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2. much tidier / keep / look / in the wardrobe / you / if / your clothes / your room / will

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3. you / saving / decide / to Australia / if / money now / you / should / to go / start

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4. should / 8 o'clock / if / the train / take / get / you / to London / you / before

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5. we / hurry / arrive before / have to / we / the storm / want to / if / starts

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