

zero and first conditionals, future time clauses (with all present and future forms)

zero conditional



If you want to be in shape, you need to exercise every day. (2 39))  
 If people are wearing headphones while walking, they often don't notice other people.  
 If you haven't been to New York, you haven't lived.

To talk about something that is always true or always happens as a result of something else, we use *if* + simple present, and the simple present in the other clause.

- You can also use the present continuous or present perfect in either clause.

first conditional

If the photos are good, I'll send them to you. (2 40))  
 If you're not going to Jason's party, I'm not going to go either.  
 If I haven't come back by 9:00, start dinner without me.  
 I'll have finished in an hour if you don't disturb me.

To talk about something that will probably happen in the future, we use *if* + a present tense, and a future tense in the other clause.

- You can use any present form in the *if*-clause (simple present, continuous, or perfect) and any future form (*will*, *going to*, future perfect, future continuous) or an imperative in the other clause.

future time clauses

I'll be ready as soon as I've had a cup of coffee. (2 41))  
 Text me when your train's coming into the station.  
 I'm not going to buy the new model until the price has gone down a little.  
 I'm not going to work overtime this weekend unless I get paid for it.  
 Take your umbrella in case it's raining when you leave work.

When you are talking about the future, use a present tense after these expressions: *as soon as*, *when*, *until*, *unless*, *before*, *after*, and *in case*. This can be any present form, e.g., simple present, present continuous, present perfect.

- We use *in case* when we do something in order to be ready for future situations / problems. Compare the use of *if* and *in case*:  
*I'll take an umbrella if it rains.* = I won't take an umbrella if it doesn't rain.  
*I'll take an umbrella in case it rains.* = I'll take an umbrella anyway because it might rain.

a Circle the correct form.

- Don't worry. Rob will have passed / has passed the exam if he studied enough.
- If you're not feeling / won't be feeling better tomorrow, you should go to the doctor's.
  - If we're lucky, we'll have sold / 've sold our house by New Year's.
  - I'll pay for dinner – if I have / 'll have enough money!
  - If we continue playing like this, we'll have scored / have scored ten goals by halftime.
  - Don't call Sophie now. If it's 8 o'clock, she'll bath / 'll be bathing the baby.
  - If you don't hurry up, you don't get / won't get to school on time.
  - You can be fined if you aren't wearing / won't be wearing a seat belt in your car.
  - If you go out with wet hair, you'll catch / 'll be catching a cold.
  - My suitcase always gets / will always get lost if I have a connecting flight.
  - I won't go / don't go to work on Monday if my daughter is still sick.

b Complete the sentences with a time expression from the list. You have to use some words more than once.

after as soon as (x2) before if  
 in case (x2) unless (x2) until when

- I'll call you as soon as my plane lands.
- I'm going to pack my suitcase \_\_\_\_\_ I go to bed.
  - Do you want to borrow my GPS \_\_\_\_\_ you get lost?
  - I'll be leaving work early tomorrow \_\_\_\_\_ my boss has a crisis.
  - I'll be meeting an old friend \_\_\_\_\_ I'm in San Francisco next week.
  - Don't worry. I'll call you \_\_\_\_\_ I open the letter with my test scores.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ I'm late tomorrow, start the meeting without me.
  - Mei Ting will have packed some sandwiches \_\_\_\_\_ we get hungry.
  - The children will be playing in the park \_\_\_\_\_ it gets dark.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ we've had lunch we could go for a walk.
  - Don't call 911 \_\_\_\_\_ it's a real emergency.