

GUIDED DISCOVERY HANDOUT: CONDITIONALS & TIME LINKERS

(Based on Page 83)

SECTION A: ZERO vs. FIRST CONDITIONAL (Meaning & Form)

Look at these sentences from the Grammar Box on page 83 and answer the questions.

- **Sentence 1:** *If the child fails to achieve these, it simply shows that they have not worked hard.*
 - **Sentence 2:** *If they keep trying, they will do better next time.*
1. Which sentence describes a **general fact or something that is generally true**?
 - Answer: Sentence _____ (This is the **Zero Conditional**).
 2. Which sentence describes a **particular possible future event or situation**?
 - Answer: Sentence _____ (This is the **First Conditional**).
 3. Complete the structure patterns below:
 - **Zero Conditional:** **If** + _____ ,

 - **First Conditional:** **If** + _____ , **will** / **won't** + base verb

SECTION B: UNLESS vs. AS LONG AS

Read these examples from page 83:

- **Example A:** *Unless you learn this piano piece, I will take your doll's house to a charity shop.*

- **Example B:** *As long as she continues to push them, they will have successful careers.*
1. Which phrase means "**if not**"?
 - Answer: _____
 - Rewrite Example A: (**If** you _____ learn this piano piece, I will take your doll's house...)
 2. Which phrase means "**if and only if**"?
 - Answer: _____

SECTION C: TIME LINKERS & THE FUTURE RULE

Look at these examples from page 83:

- *When my children **have grown** up, **will** I have any regrets?*
 - *I'll call you when I*'m getting ready to leave.**
 - *I'll pick you up as soon as I **finish** work.*
 - *You can't go out until you **finish** your homework.*
1. Read the **GOLDEN RULE** below and circle/cross out the correct option:
GOLDEN RULE: In a sentence about the future where two clauses are connected by a time linker (*when, as soon as, before, after, while, until*) or conditional marker (*if, unless, as long as*), we **NEVER** use a [**present / future**] verb form directly after the linker. We use a [**present / future**] tense instead!
 2. **Error Correction:** Fix the mistake in this sentence:
 - ✗ *If the weather will be nice this weekend, we'll go to the beach.*
 - ✓ *If the weather _____ nice this weekend, we'll go to the beach.*

SECTION A: ZERO vs. FIRST CONDITIONAL

1. Answer: Sentence **1** (Zero Conditional)
2. Answer: Sentence **2** (First Conditional)
3. Structure patterns:
 - **Zero Conditional:** **If** + **present simple / present tense** , **present simple / present tense**

- **First Conditional:** **If** + **present simple** / **present tense** , **will** / **won't** + base verb

SECTION B: UNLESS vs. AS LONG AS

1. Answer: Unless

- Rewrite: (**If** you **don't** learn this piano piece, I will take your doll's house...)

2. Answer: As long as

SECTION C: TIME LINKERS & THE FUTURE RULE

1. GOLDEN RULE:

- We **NEVER** use a **future** verb form directly after the linker.
- We use a **present** tense instead!

2. Error Correction:

- ✓ *If the weather **is** nice this weekend, we'll go to the beach.*