

# 4B

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.

# GRAMMAR BANK

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.

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