

UNIT 10: FIRST CONDITIONAL

We use the first conditional to talk about likely situations / actions.

Conditional clause	Main clause (= future result)
if + present simple	will / won't + infinitive
If we run ,	we'll catch the bus.
If we don't run ,	we won't catch the bus.

The conditional clause can start or finish the sentence:
 If you **work hard**, you'll **pass** your exam. (There is a comma after the conditional clause.)
 You'll **pass** your exam if you **work hard**. (There is no comma after the main clause.)
 We can use the first conditional to talk about the future, but we use the present tense after if:
 ✓ If you **work hard**, you'll **pass** your exam.
 ✗ If you **will work hard**, you'll **pass** your exam.

Complete the first conditional sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- If I (see) your best friend, I (tell) him to text you.
- You (hurt) yourself if you (fall) over on the ice.
- If we (not catch) the ten o'clock bus, we (have) to wait an hour for the next bus.
- You (be) late to school if you (not leave) soon.
- If the music (be) too loud, you (not hear) your phone.

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- We (be) late if we (not leave) now.
- If it (rain) tomorrow I (not go) to the beach.
- What (you / do) if you (not pass) the exam?
- Our teacher (get) angry if we (not remember) to do our homework.
- If we (go) to the mountains at the weekend (you / come) with us?
- If you (not go) to bed now you (be) tired tomorrow.
- Marc (be) sad if you (not come) to his birthday party.
- If you (miss) the bus how (you / get) to school?

Put the words in order to make first conditional sentences. Don't forget to add commas to some sentences.



- 1 earn / get / a holiday job / I / I'll / some money.
If.....
- 2 a bike / buy / enough money. / have / I / if
I'll.....
- 3 a / bike / to go / have / I / I'll / use / to school. / it
If.....
- 4 my bike / fit / get / I / if / ride / to school.
I'll.....
- 5 a bike / by bus. / don't have / enough / for / go /
I / I'll / money / to school
If.....
- 6 by bus. / fit / get / go / I / if / to school
I won't.....

Complete the conversation between the girl and boy. Use the first conditional and the verb in brackets.

Tess: Let's go for a walk in the hills.

Leo: But if it rains, we (1) *'ll get* (get) wet.

Tess: If it rains, we (2) (not get) wet because we (3) (find) a cave.

Leo: What (4) (we / do) if we (5) (find) insects and bears in the cave?

Tess: If we (6) (find) insects and bears, we (7) (not stay) in the cave!

Leo: What will we do if we get lost?

Tess: We (8) (phone) my mum if we (9) (get) lost.

Leo: What will we do if she (10) (not answer) her phone?

Tess: We (11) (call) my dad.

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 She 'll go (go) to the lake with Nick if he doesn't have (not have) football practice.
- 2 If she (go) to the lake, she (need) her swimming costume.
- 3 If she (take) a picnic, she (not need) to buy food in the café.
- 4 If she (cycle) around the lake, she (feel) tired.
- 5 If she (see) some interesting animals, she (take) photos of them.
- 6 She (put) her camera in her bag if it (start) to rain.
- 7 She (not take) her umbrella if the weather (be) good.

🕒 Exam candidates often make mistakes with the first conditional. Correct the mistakes in these sentences.

- 1 I'm the happiest girl in the world if I find it. I'll be
- 2 I am sure when I go back home I am tired.
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- 3 If you like, we would go by car,.....
- 4 If I can, I am going.....
- 5 We will pick you up from the airport when you'll arrive at about 10.30 a.m. on the 20th of June.
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- 6 If you need some information about these studies, you would not find it here. You need to look online.
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