

## The first conditional

### FORM

**If + Subject + Simple Present verb + . . . , Subject + will + infinitive verb + . . .**

If you drop it, it'll break.  
If you come at ten, we'll be ready.  
If you phone me, I'll pick you up at the park.

**Subject + will + infinitive verb + . . . If + Subject + Simple Present verb + . . .**

It'll break if you phone me.  
We'll be ready if you come at ten.  
I'll pick you up later if you phone me.

### USE

- The first conditional refers to the future. It is used when there is a possibility that the if-event might happen.

*If it rains, we'll go to the cinema. (= It might rain: it might not)*

*If the sun shines, we'll go to the beach. (= The sun might shine: it might not)*

**Note:** *going to* is sometimes used in the first conditional to describe a future plan:

*If it rains, we're going to visit my mother.*

Write these sentences, putting the verbs in brackets into the present simple or the future simple.

1 If the train's late, we (walk). *If the train's late, we'll walk.*

2 She (call) you if she (have) time. *She'll call you if she has time.*

3 If it costs too much, I \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a smaller one.

4 If the doctor can't see me, I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) somewhere else.

5 If the class \_\_\_\_\_ (be) full, we \_\_\_\_\_ (find) another one.

6 What will we do if the taxi \_\_\_\_\_ (not come)?

7 Will you phone me if there \_\_\_\_\_ (be) any problems?

8 Tom \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) Peter if I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) him tomorrow.

9 I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) next week, if I \_\_\_\_\_ (can) get a train ticket.

10 If I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) to, I \_\_\_\_\_ (complain) to the manager.

11 If he \_\_\_\_\_ (see) me here, he \_\_\_\_\_ (be) really angry.

12 Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (be) worried if you don't come to the airport.

13 If it \_\_\_\_\_ (snow) this winter, we \_\_\_\_\_ (go) skiing.

14 I \_\_\_\_\_ (lend) them some money if they \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) me.

15 If you \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) Oxford, you \_\_\_\_\_ (see) some interesting old buildings.