

# First Conditional

IF + *simple present*, future result with (*will, can, should, could, might, be going to, imperative*)

Future result (no comma) IF

This conditional describes real situations about the future. You can use this for a variety of purposes.

| <u>Purpose</u>     | <u>Example</u>  |
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| Warning            | If you don't wear protective glasses while using the saw, you might injure your eyes. |
| Advice             | You should be on time or early if you have a job interview.                           |
| Persuasion/Promise | If you take me to the mall, I'll buy you an ice cream.                                |
| Threat             | If you touch me again, you will be sorry!   |
| Plan               | If I go to college, I am going to study to be an electrician.                         |
| Express feeling    | I'll be upset if you forget my birthday again.  |
| Command/Order      | If you don't like it, don't eat it.   |

Sometimes a conditional can have more than one purpose. What do you think is the main purpose of the following sentences?

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| PLAN    | or | FEELING    | I will be sad if my football team loses the match. |
| ADVICE  | or | COMMAND    | If you like it, you should buy it.                 |
| WARNING | or | FEELING    | You will get wet if it rains.                      |
| ORDER   | or | FEELING    | If Sally is late again, I will be mad.             |
| ADVICE  | or | THREAT     | I will fire you if you are late again!             |
| PLAN    | or | PROMISE    | If it stops raining, I am going to take a walk.    |
| THREAT  | or | PERSUASION | If you buy 3, you will get 1 more for free.        |
| FEELING | or | PROMISE    | If you come to the party, I will be very happy.    |
| PROMISE | or | WARNING    | If you marry me, I'll take care of you.            |
| ORDER   | or | THREAT     | If the pain gets worse, go to a hospital.          |

## The First Conditional

Use the correct form of the verb.

1. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) out tonight, I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the cinema.
2. If you \_\_\_\_\_ (get) back late, I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) angry.
3. If we \_\_\_\_\_ (not / see) each other tomorrow, we \_\_\_\_\_ (see) each other next week.
4. If he \_\_\_\_\_ (come), I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) surprised.
5. If we \_\_\_\_\_ (not / leave) now, we \_\_\_\_\_ (be) late!
6. If we \_\_\_\_\_ (go) on holiday this summer, we \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Spain.
7. If the weather \_\_\_\_\_ (not / improve), we \_\_\_\_\_ (not / have) a picnic.
8. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / go) to bed early, I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) tired tomorrow.
9. If we \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) all this cake, we \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) sick.
10. If you \_\_\_\_\_ (not / want) to go out, I \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) dinner at home.

Make a nice FIRST CONDITIONAL sentence for the following situations:

1. Warn your classmate. They are always late for class.

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2. Persuade your boyfriend/girlfriend to do the dishes.

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3. Describe how you will feel if the teacher promotes you to the next level.

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4. Give a classmate advice. They want to improve their speaking skills.

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