

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>
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?

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.

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

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

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