

LESSON 17:

Conditionals:

Zero + First Conditional

1. Zero conditional

Ex:

If water **reaches** 100 degrees, it always **boils**.

If you **touch** a fire, you **get** burned.

People **die** if they **don't eat**.

If babies **are** hungry, they **cry**.

- It's a fact. I'm talking in general, not about one particular situation.
- This conditional is used when the result will always happen.

➔ If + Present Simple , Present Simple.

2. First Conditional

Examples



- If it **rains**, I **will stay** at home.
- If I **wake** up late, I **will miss** the bus.
- And, if it's sunny, we'll **go** to the park.
- If Juan **leaves**, Paula **will be** sad.
- If I **find** your email, I **will send** you the picture.
- If you **study** hard, you **will pass** your exams.



2. First conditional

Usage

To talk about possibilities in the present or in the future

➔ If + Present Simple , Future Simple.

Note

Ex: **Unless = if not**

You'll be sick **unless** you **stop** eating.

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You will be sick **if** you **don't stop** eating.

PRACTICE

Exercise 1:

A Possibilities in my future

Complete this email from one friend to another by putting in the correct positive or negative forms of the verbs in brackets. Use the present simple or *will/won't*. Use short forms.

Thanks for your message, it was great to hear your news. I'm very busy at the moment because my exams start next week. If I get⁰ (get) the right grades, I will start⁰ (start) my university course in September. But if I do¹ (do) well enough in them, I will be able to² (be able to) go to that university. So I'm working very hard.

Thanks for inviting me to come and stay with you during the summer. I will do³ (do) it if the flights are⁴ (be) too expensive. I'm planning to get a job for a few weeks and I will save⁵ (save) enough money to come if I find⁶ (find) one. It will be⁷ (be) a pity if we don't see⁸ (see) each other, so I'll do my best.

Other news? Well, the weather's terrible here at the moment. If it improves⁹ (improve), I think I will go¹⁰ (go) mad! I hope you're OK. If you write¹¹ (write) to me again soon, I will reply¹² (reply) as quickly as I can.

Exercise 2:

What might happen tonight

Judy and Brian are getting ready to go out for the evening. Complete their conversation, using the words below it and the present simple or *will/won't*.

JUDY If you don't hurry⁰, we won't get¹ to the restaurant on time.

BRIAN Well, it's not that late² if you don't mind³ a bit late. Don't worry about it.

JUDY I am worried. What will happen⁴ if Frank is late⁵ there?

BRIAN I'm sure we will wait⁶ if you don't mind⁷ wait for us for a few minutes.

JUDY But it's a very important evening. It's Frank's birthday and he will be⁸ angry with us if we don't arrive⁹ on time.

BRIAN Look, I'm nearly ready. If you don't mind¹⁰ calm, it will be¹¹ fine.

JUDY Do you think that Frank is going to make a speech?

BRIAN If he does¹² a speech, he will be¹³ embarrassed, I'm sure.

JUDY Why? If he does¹⁴ to make a speech on his special day, he will tell¹⁵ us. If he does¹⁶ his funny stories, we will laugh¹⁷.

BRIAN You might laugh. But if you don't mind¹⁸ about things that happened when he and I were small children, we will leave¹⁹ the room!

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| 0 you/not hurry | 7 they/have to | 14 he/want |
| 1 we/not get | 8 people/be | 15 nobody/mind |
| 2 it/not matter | 9 we/not turn up | 16 he/tell |
| 3 we/be | 10 you/keep | 17 we/laugh |
| 4 the others/do | 11 everything/be | 18 he/talk |
| 5 we/not be | 12 he/make | 19 I/have to |
| 6 they/not panic | 13 everyone/be | |

Exercise 3:

If you visit this city ...

Match the second halves of the tips from a travel guide (a–i) giving advice to tourists visiting a city with the beginning of each sentence (1–8). Write the letters of the correct sentence endings in the spaces.

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| 0 If you book accommodation early,
.....j..... | a you might like to climb to the top of the cathedral tower. |
| 1 If you get lost in the city, | b you should be able to get tickets easily. |
| 2 If you visit the Central Museum,
..... | c some of the tourist attractions might not be open. |
| 3 If you want to go to the opera,
..... | d don't panic. |
| 4 If you go to the market, | e you shouldn't have to queue at museums and art galleries. |
| 5 If you want to avoid the crowds,
..... | f you might find some good souvenirs. |
| 6 If you buy a tourist pass, | g go straight to the third floor. |
| 7 If you feel energetic one day,
..... | h don't come at the height of the tourist season. |
| 8 If you come here in the winter,
..... | i you shouldn't have difficulty getting a good hotel. |