

Conditional

Factual
or real
Conditional

If + present simple, present simple

If clause result clause

1. For general truths

Ex: *Ice melts if you heat it.*

2. For instructions

Ex: *If you press the button, it turns on.*

3. Habits and daily routines

Ex: *If I drink, I never drive.*



You can use **modals** in the result clause:

Ex: *If I don't have my glasses, I **can't** drive.*

*If you want to pass the exam, you **must** study hard.*

You can also use the **imperative** in the result clause

Ex: *If you drink, **don't drive**.*

*If you fail the exam, **study more!***

When can
be used
instead of
if

*I always smoke **when** I drink.*

***When** I'm sad, I go shopping.*



*I can't drive **unless** I have my glasses.*

*You can't drive a car **unless** you have a license.*

Unless can
be used
instead of
if not



You can also think of it this way.

If + present continuous, simple present

If clause result clause

*If I **am driving**, I never answer my mobile phone.*

***When I'm reading**, my cat sits on my laptop.*



Match the sentences to make conditionals:

If babies are hungry

don't disturb me

If you touch a fire

they get fat.

If I am sleeping

I listen to my MP3

If people eat too much

People die

If they don't eat

Snakes bite

When I'm jogging

you get burned

If they are scared

they cry



Complete the sentences:

1. Plants can die unless _____

2. If you don't sleep _____

3. If I heat water _____

4 She feels good when _____

5 Brush your teeth if _____

Watch Out!

If the conditional comes first, you need a comma.

You don't need a comma if the conditional doesn't come first.



Find the mistakes and correct them:

1. If you see him, told him I'm looking for him.

2 When you do exercise drink plenty of water.

3. Unless you not receive it tomorrow, giving me a call.

4 People gets fat if they eat junk food.

5 I eat a bag of popcorns, when I go to the cinema.

6 If I reading, I don't listen to anybody.

7. I always ask for directions if I got lost.

