

5.2 First Conditional

We use First Conditional sentences to talk about the possible results of an action. First Conditional sentences refer to the future:

If I tell them the truth, they *won't* believe me.

He *won't* pass his exams if he *doesn't* work hard.

Will he *pass* his exams if he *works* hard?

We use the Present Simple in the *if*-clause, which describes the condition. We use *will/won't* in the clause describing the result. Either clause may come first in the sentence. We put a comma at the end of the *if*-clause if it comes first in the sentence.

If Vicky pays attention in class, *she* will do her homework well.

Vicky will do her homework *well* if she pays attention in class.

If + Present Simple
(condition),

If he *works* hard,
If George *is* late again,

will/won't + infinitive
(result)

he *will pass* his exams.
the teacher *will send* him to
the head teacher.

will/won't + infinitive
(result)

He *will pass* his exams
The teacher *will send* George
to the head teacher

if + Present Simple
(condition)

if he *works* hard.
if he *is* late again.

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3. Match 1–6 with information a–g and write First Conditional sentences. Change the verb form if necessary.

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| visit Brazil | ☒ g | a need to have strong legs |
| 1 see kangaroos and koalas | ☐ | b pass the driving test |
| 2 drive to school every day | ☐ | c have to pay tuition fees |
| 3 study at a private academy | ☐ | d not eat in the school canteen |
| 4 buy a laptop | ☐ | e do a gap year in Australia |
| 5 have to make sandwiches every morning | ☐ | f not have to borrow mine |
| 6 want to learn to snowboard | ☐ | g learn some basic Portuguese |

If Mark visits Brazil, he 'll learn some basic Portuguese.

- She _____ if she _____.
- I _____ if I _____.
- If Sarah and Ken _____, they _____.
- If Katie _____, she _____.
- You _____ if you _____.
- If your friend _____, he _____.

1. ★ Put the words in order to complete the First Conditional sentences.

you / pass / you'll / study / hard, / your / final
If you study hard, you'll pass your final exams.

- write / forget / number / if / my / he / it / doesn't
He'll _____ down.
- hurry up, / she'll / her / miss / doesn't / Samantha
If _____ train.
- how / you / he'll / sure / understand / him / tell / if / you
I'm _____ feel.
- listen / don't / know / you / carefully, / what / to / you / won't
If _____ do.
- with / dance / ask / you / you / won't / don't / if
Anzu _____ her.
- go / he / will / feels / if / tomorrow / back / school / to
Sam _____ better.

2. ★ ★ Complete the First Conditional sentences and questions with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

If Stacey does (do) well at school this year, she 'll get (get) into university next year.

- What ^a _____ (Ella/do) if she ^b _____ (fail) her exams?
- We ^a _____ (be) in trouble if we ^b _____ (skip) another lesson.
- If Julia and Toby ^a _____ (not/have) extra lessons at a private academy, they ^b _____ (not/pass) their exams.
- If you ^a _____ (not/look) at the timetable, you ^b _____ (not/know) what classes you have.

4. Complete the gaps with words in Exercise 4. Then complete the sentences with your own ideas.

- I find it difficult to _____ when ...
- The best way of dealing with someone who _____ you is ...
- The school subject I _____ with most is ...
- A good way to _____ students to work harder is ...
- A person I know who I'd like as a _____ is ...
- I'd like to become an _____ on ...

I find it difficult to concentrate when somebody has the TV on too loud ...

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