

CONDITIONALS



...be proud of it.

What will happen to Earth if...?



TYPE 1

To talk about situations that will possibly or probably happen in the future.

Example

If I study harder, I will pass my exams easily.
(It's very likely that this may happen)

IF-CLAUSE + SIMPLE PRESENT
go / goes / don't go / doesn't go

MAIN CLAUSE + FUTURE SIMPLE
will + infinitive

Complete the blanks with the verbs in brackets:

- Many wildlife habitats will be destroyed if man _____ (keep) polluting the environment.
- If we dump all sorts of chemicals into rivers, we _____ (not be able to) swim in them in the future.
- If we _____ (not stop) cutting down so many trees, we _____ (endanger) our oxygen supply.
- Soon the Earth's resources will be exhausted if the human population _____ (continue) to grow.
- If everybody continues to use aerosols and CFCs, the hole in the ozone layer _____ (get) bigger.
- If the sun radiation can't escape into space, Earth's temperature _____ (increase) steadily.
- If the global temperature _____ (rise), sea levels _____ (rise) too.
- We'll threaten our own existence if we _____ (not cut down) on waste rapidly.
- People _____ (run out of) drinking water one day if they _____ (not use) it more rationally.
- If he _____ (want) to help the planet, then he _____ (have to) change his habits.

What would happen to Earth if...?

Complete the blanks with the verbs in brackets:

- If people _____ (not be) so careless, Earth wouldn't be in danger.
- The amount of waste _____ (decrease) if people started to buy reusable packages.
- Many fish wouldn't die if factories _____ (not dump) so many chemicals into rivers and oceans.
- If people _____ (buy) more recycled paper, there wouldn't be so much waste.
- _____ (you take) these bottles to the bottle bank if I asked you to?
- If people really _____ (not care) about the environment, they _____ (not try) to save it.
- If Paul _____ (think) more about the planet, he wouldn't waste so much water.
- We _____ (be) less worried if oil spills _____ (not have) such destructive effects.
- If we consumed less, we _____ (produce) less waste material.
- If we _____ (destroy) the ozone layer, nothing _____ (save) us from the UV rays.

TYPE 2



To talk about hypothetical, unreal or impossible situations in the present.

Example

If I studied harder, I would pass my exams.
(But I don't do it - I'm just imagining this)
If I were you, I would study more.
(Here we are giving some advice)

IF-CLAUSE + SIMPLE PAST
went / didn't go

MAIN CLAUSE + CONDITIONAL
would + infinitive