

# CONDITIONALS



## 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