

The first conditional is used to talk about something that will probably happen or is likely to happen in the future. It can also be used to give advice. The structure is made up of two clauses:

- A clause starting with 'if' in the present simple tense.
- A clause with a future meaning using 'will', 'be going to', a modal to talk about the future such as 'might' or 'should', or other words that indicate a future time.

Either clause can be first in the sentence. If the 'if' clause is first, a comma separates the clauses. Examples:

- If you work harder, you will have enough money to go to Tokyo.
- You will have enough money to go to Tokyo if you work harder.



A. Complete the first conditional sentences about giving advice with the words from the box. Use the correct form of the verb in the sentences. You can use each word only once.

report	do	explain	help	hire
might	(not) tell	(not) want	should	blame

1. She'll be able to _____ more at work if she _____ an assistant.
2. If you _____ the crime to the police, they will _____ you.
3. He _____ understand if she _____ why she has to leave.
4. If you _____ to go with them, you _____ tell them.
5. If you _____ your boss, he might _____ someone else for the mistake.

B. Put the words in the correct order to make first conditional sentences about giving advice. Add punctuation and capitalization where needed.

1. survive / take / be able to / extra water / you / will / with you / if / in the desert / you

2. much tidier / keep / look / in the wardrobe / you / if / your clothes / your room / will

3. you / saving / decide / to Australia / if / money now / you / should / to go / start

4. should / 8 o'clock / if / the train / take / get / you / to London / you / before

5. we / hurry / arrive before / have to / we / the storm / want to / if / starts
