

zero and first conditionals, future time clauses
(with all present and future forms)

zero conditional



- If you **want** to be in shape, you **need** to exercise every day. (2 39))
- If people **are** wearing headphones while walking, they often **don't notice** other people.
- If you **haven't been** to New York, you **haven't lived**.

To talk about something that is always true or always happens as a result of something else, we use *if* + simple present, and the simple present in the other clause.

- You can also use the present continuous or present perfect in either clause.

first conditional

- If the photos **are** good, I'll send them to you. (2 40))
- If you're **not going** to Jason's party, I'm **not going** to go either.
- If I **haven't come** back by 9:00, start dinner without me. I'll **have finished** in an hour **if** you **don't disturb** me.

To talk about something that will probably happen in the future, we use *if* + a present tense, and a future tense in the other clause.

- You can use any present form in the *if*-clause (simple present, continuous, or perfect) and any future form (*will*, *going to*, future perfect, future continuous) or an imperative in the other clause.

future time clauses

- I'll be ready **as soon as** I've had a cup of coffee. (2 41))
- Text me **when** your train's coming into the station.
- I'm not going to buy the new model **until** the price has gone down a little.
- I'm not going to work overtime this weekend **unless** I get paid for it.
- Take your umbrella **in case** it's raining when you leave work.

When you are talking about the future, use a present tense after these expressions: *as soon as*, *when*, *until*, *unless*, *before*, *after*, and *in case*. This can be any present form, e.g., simple present, present continuous, present perfect.

- We use *in case* when we do something in order to be ready for future situations / problems. Compare the use of *if* and *in case*:
I'll take an umbrella **if** it rains. = I won't take an umbrella if it doesn't rain.
I'll take an umbrella **in case** it rains. = I'll take an umbrella anyway because it might rain.

a Circle the correct form.

- Don't worry. Rob will have passed / has passed the exam if he studied enough.
- If you're not feeling / won't be feeling better tomorrow, you should go to the doctor's.
 - If we're lucky, we'll have sold / 've sold our house by New Year's.
 - I'll pay for dinner – if I have / 'll have enough money!
 - If we continue playing like this, we'll have scored / have scored ten goals by halftime.
 - Don't call Sophie now. If it's 8 o'clock, she'll bath / 'll be bathing the baby.
 - If you don't hurry up, you don't get / won't get to school on time.
 - You can be fined if you aren't wearing / won't be wearing a seat belt in your car.
 - If you go out with wet hair, you'll catch / 'll be catching a cold.
 - My suitcase always gets / will always get lost if I have a connecting flight.
 - I won't go / don't go to work on Monday if my daughter is still sick.

b Complete the sentences with a time expression from the list. You have to use some words more than once.

after as soon as (x2) before if
in case (x2) unless (x2) until when

- I'll call you as soon as my plane lands.
- I'm going to pack my suitcase _____ I go to bed.
 - Do you want to borrow my GPS _____ you get lost?
 - I'll be leaving work early tomorrow _____ my boss has a crisis.
 - I'll be meeting an old friend _____ I'm in San Francisco next week.
 - Don't worry. I'll call you _____ I open the letter with my test scores.
 - _____ I'm late tomorrow, start the meeting without me.
 - Mei Ting will have packed some sandwiches _____ we get hungry.
 - The children will be playing in the park _____ it gets dark.
 - _____ we've had lunch we could go for a walk.
 - Don't call 911 _____ it's a real emergency.