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GRAMMAR BANK

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

zero conditional

You **need to** do some exercise every day **if** you **want** to be fit. 4.9
If people **are wearing** headphones in the street, they often **don't notice** other people.
If you **haven't been** to New York, you **haven't lived**.

- We use zero conditionals to talk about something which is always true or always happens as a result of something else. We use *if* + present simple, and the present simple 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. 4.10
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.

- We use first conditionals to talk about something which will probably happen in the future as a result of something else. We use *if* + a present tense, and a future tense in the other clause.
- You can use any present form in the *if*-clause (present simple, 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. 4.11
Send me a message **when** your train's **coming into** the station.
I'm not going to buy the new model **until** the price **has gone down** a bit.
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.

- Future time clauses are similar to the *if*-clause in first conditional sentences, but instead of *if*, we use expressions like: *as soon as*, *when*, *until*, *unless*, *before*, *after*, and *in case* followed by a present (not a future) tense. This can be any present form, e.g. present simple, present continuous, present perfect. We can use any future form or imperative in the other clause.
- 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's raining.* = I'll only take an umbrella if it's raining.
- *I'll take an umbrella in case it rains.* = I'll take an umbrella anyway because it might rain.

a Circle the correct form.

If Rob *has studied* / *had studied* enough, he'll pass the exam easily.

1 If you *aren't feeling* / *won't be feeling* better tomorrow, you should go to the doctor's.
2 If we're lucky, we *have sold* / *'ll have sold* our house by Christmas.
3 I'll pay for dinner – if I *have* / *'ll have* enough money!
4 We'll *have scored* / *be scoring* ten goals by half-time if we carry on playing like this.
5 Don't call Sophie now. If it's eight o'clock, she *'ll bath* / *'ll be bathing* the baby.
6 If you don't hurry up, you *don't get* / *won't get* to school on time.
7 You can be fined if you *aren't wearing* / *won't be wearing* a seat belt in your car.
8 If you go out with wet hair, you *'ll catch* / *'ll be catching* a cold.
9 My suitcase *always gets* / *will always get* lost if I have a connecting flight.
10 I *won't go* / *don't go* to work on Monday if my daughter is still ill.

b Complete the sentence with a time expression from the list.

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

I'll call you as soon as my plane lands.

1 I'm going to pack my suitcase _____ I go to bed.
2 Take your phone with you _____ you get lost.
3 I'll be leaving work early tomorrow _____ there's a last-minute crisis.
4 Let's meet _____ I'm in London next week.
5 There's a crisis! Please call me _____ you possibly can.
6 _____ I'm late tomorrow, start the meeting without me.
7 Lily will have packed some sandwiches _____ we get hungry.
8 Dan will be playing football in the park _____ it gets dark. Then he'll go home.
9 Lunch is ready now. Then, _____ we've eaten, we could go for a walk.

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