

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 **④ 4.9**
be fit.
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 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.

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.

future time clauses

I'll be ready as soon as I've had a cup of coffee. **④ 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.

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

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

Don't call me **as soon as** it's time to go to bed.

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