

First Conditional in English

First conditional rules

- The condition must be in the present simple tense.
- The result must be in the future tense with "will".
- Don't use "will" in the condition.
- Don't use "if" in the result.

How to form the First Conditional

- If/when + present simple, will + base verb. •

For example: "If it rains tonight, I will stay at home".
In this sentence, "rains" is the present simple form of the verb "to rain", and "will stay" is the future tense of the verb "to stay". The word "will" is used to express the future tense, and it is always followed by the base form of the verb.

First conditional examples

- If you study more, you will pass the exam.
- If I have time, I will call you later.
- When she gets home, she will cook dinner.
- If they don't hurry, they will miss the train.

Common mistakes

- Using "would" instead of "will" in the result.
- Using "will" in the condition.
- Using "if" in the result.
- Mixing up "if" and "when".