Unit 28

Grammar

Conditionals 1: (zero, first, second)

Introduction to conditional

Some sentences with the word *if* are called conditional sentences.
With every conditional sentence, there are two parts: a situation and the result of that situation. It is the situation that starts with *if*.
There are different types of conditional sentence, depending on what the situation is.

Helpful hints

- When we start the sentence with *if*, we separate the situation and the result with a comma.
  ✓ *If you join a gym, I'll join too.*
- When we start the sentence with the result, we don't use a comma.
  ✓ *I'll join too if you join a gym.*

Zero conditional

Form

if + present simple, present simple

Use	Example
General or scientific facts	*If people* **eat** *too much, they often* **get** *fat.*

First conditional

Form

if + present simple, *will* + bare infinitive

Use	Example
Real or likely situations in the present or future and their results	*If you* **take** *these pills, you'***ll start** *to feel better very soon.*

Helpful hints

- We can also use other modals instead of *will*, depending on the meaning.
  ✓ *If you get some rest, you* ***might*** *feel better tomorrow.*
- We can also use an imperative instead of *will* to give instructions.
  ✓ *If you don't feel well,* ***go*** *home!*

Second conditional

Form

if + past simple, *would* + bare infinitive

Use	Example
Impossible or unlikely situations in the present or future and their results	*If my legs* **were** *longer, I* **would be** *a much faster runner!*

Helpful hints

We can also use the second conditional to give advice. We use the phrases *If I were you ...* or *If I was you ...* for this. *If I were you ...* is more formal than *If I was you ...*
✓ *If I* **were** *you, I would eat less chocolate.* (more formal)
✓ *If I* **was** *you, I'd eat less chocolate!* (more informal)

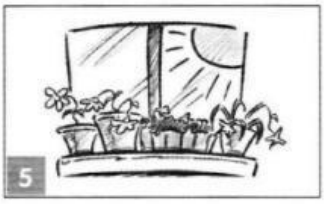
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A Look at the pictures and complete the sentences. Use the zero conditional.













1 If you heat water, it boils .
heat / water / it / boil

2 If you ..... .
send / an e-mail / it / be / free

3 It ..... .
be / dangerous / you / not / wear / a seatbelt

4 If you ..... .
have / an injection / it / not / usually hurt

5 If you ..... .
not / water / plants and flowers / they die

6 If the sea ..... .
not / be / calm / not / be / safe / to swim

B The words and phrases in bold in each sentence are wrong. Write the correct word or phrase.

1 If we **will go** shopping tomorrow, I'll probably buy a new top. .....
2 If Mum is tired tonight, **I cook** dinner. .....
3 John will tell us if there **will be** any news. .....
4 If I **won't** get a good mark in the geography test, I'll be very annoyed! .....
5 You **are** tired in the morning if you don't go to bed soon. .....
6 If you see Karen, **do** you ask her to call me? .....
7 **Does** Frank come with us if we go to the beach at the weekend? .....
8 If you need help, **will tell** me! .....

C Complete using the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1 If I ..... (**do**) well in the exam, my parents will buy me an MP3 player.
2 If my sister borrows my clothes again, I ..... (**scream**)!
3 We'll leave at six o'clock if the weather ..... (**be**) bad.
4 They ..... (**not / mind**) if we're a bit late this afternoon.
5 Sarah will be very annoyed if Dave ..... (**not / call**) her this evening.
6 Will you still go to the concert if the tickets ..... (**cost**) 60 euros?
7 If Rania doesn't come to the party, ... (**Greg / be**) upset?
8 I'll be surprised if Doug and Dana ..... (**not / get**) a new car soon.

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D Circle the correct word or phrase.

1 If I **win / won** a million euros, I'd buy my mum and dad a new house.
2 If Steve paid more attention in class, he **will / would** learn more.
3 **They'll / They'd** go on a cruise if they had enough money.
4 You'd feel a lot healthier if you **don't / didn't** eat so much fast food.
5 If I **have / had** a bike, it wouldn't take me so long to get to school.
6 If you met Tom Hanks, what **will / would** you ask him?
7 **Will / Would** Bobby be upset if I didn't invite him?
8 If I **am / were** you, I'd get a haircut!

E Complete each second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Write no more than three words.

1 Sylvia doesn't have enough money, so she can't buy a new computer.
If Sylvia ..... enough money, she'd buy a new computer.

2 The twins don't see their friends often because they're very busy.
If the twins weren't so busy, they ..... their friends more often.

3 I don't live in a city, so there's not much to do in the evening.
If I ..... in a city, there would be lots to do in the evening.

4 Grandma won't get a dog because she lives in a small flat.
If Grandma ..... in a small flat, she'd get a dog.

5 You use your mobile a lot, so you have large phone bills.
If you didn't use your mobile so much, you ..... large phone bills.

6 I think you should tell your parents the truth.
If I ..... you, I'd tell your parents the truth.

F Choose the correct answer.

Dear Marsha,
I'm not sure what to do. I'm thinking of becoming a vegetarian, but some of my friends say it's a bad idea. They say that if I (1) ..... eating meat, my body won't get all the things it needs to stay healthy. Are my friends right?
Thanks,
Yuri, age 14

Dear Yuri,
Millions of people are vegetarians and they're perfectly healthy. You have to be careful, though. If you (2) ..... up eating meat completely, and only (3) ..... chocolate and crisps, that would obviously be very bad for you! If people don't eat properly, they (4) ..... ill. It's that simple. If you eat lots of fruit and salad and beans, you (5) ..... get all the things you need to stay healthy. But – you're only 14 years old. If you (6) ..... at home with your parents – and you probably do – you'll have to ask them what they think too. If your mum cooks for you, (7) it ..... be difficult for her to make you special meals. If I were you, I (8) ..... think about this carefully and maybe wait until you're a bit older before making such a big decision.
Marsha

1	A stop	B stopped	5	A will	B would
2	A give	B gave	6	A live	B will live
3	A will eat	B ate	7	A will	B would
4	A get	B would get	8	A will	B would

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