

First conditional

I can talk about a future situation and its consequences.

1 Order the words in a–f and then match them with 1–6 to make first conditional sentences.

- 1 If you don't finish your homework in time, ☐
- 2 She probably won't finish her degree ☐
- 3 He'll do an hour's revision in the morning ☐
- 4 If she needs money over the summer, ☐
- 5 If he decides to become an engineer, ☐
- 6 If I pass all of my exams, ☐

a at university / apply / a place / for / he'll

b teacher / happy / be / our / won't

c starts / if / well / her / business / new / doing

d wakes / up / enough / if / early / he

e parents / give / will / me / my / a reward

f a / she'll / job / get / part-time

2 Complete the first conditional sentences. Use the present simple or the will form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 If we _____ (not get) to the shops soon, they _____ (be) closed.
- 2 If you _____ (not be) ready by seven o'clock, I _____ (go) without you.
- 3 It _____ (not take) long to tidy the house if we all _____ (help).
- 4 They _____ (not give) you your money back if you _____ (not show) them the receipt.
- 5 If the phone _____ (ring), _____ (you / answer) it?
- 6 If the bus _____ (be) full again, I _____ (be) really cross.
- 7 What _____ (you / do) if you _____ (not find) your keys?
- 8 If people _____ (buy) all their food at the supermarket, the smaller shops _____ (close).
- 9 You _____ (find) a summer job if you _____ (keep) looking.
- 10 If the weather _____ (be) fine tomorrow, we _____ (go) for a bike ride.

3 Complete the dialogue using the first conditional.

Sarah Do you fancy going to the café later?

Claire No thanks. If I go to the café, I ¹ _____ (fail) my exam on Monday.

Sarah Really? What do you mean?

Claire If I go to the café, I ² _____ (see) Cathy. If I see Cathy, she ³ _____ (invite) me to her party. If she ⁴ _____ (invite) me to her party, I'll stay out late on Saturday. If I stay out late on Saturday, I ⁵ _____ (sleep) all Sunday morning. If I sleep all Sunday morning, I ⁶ _____ (not do) any revision. If I ⁷ _____ (not do) any revision, I ⁸ _____ (fail) my exam on Monday!

4 Now write a dialogue like the one in exercise 3. Use the chain of ideas below.

go shopping → spend all my money → have to stay in on Friday night → not see Connor → he / not invite me to barbecue → not see his sister again

Susie Would you like to go shopping later?

Dave I can't. If I go shopping, I won't see Connor's sister again.

Susie Really? What do you mean?

Dave If I go shopping, I'll spend all my money.

If I _____

5 Complete these first conditional sentences with your own ideas.

- 1 If I feel unwell in the morning, _____
- 2 If I get hungry in the middle of the night, _____
- 3 If it rains a lot tomorrow, _____
- 4 I'll feel very upset if _____
- 5 My friends will be amazed if _____
- 6 I'll be really happy if _____