

GRAMMAR

zero, first and second conditionals

1 Complete the zero conditional sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Then decide which sentences are true for you.

- When I meet my best friend, she always (say), 'What's new?'
- If I get home too late, my parents (be) usually angry.
- My mum (make) me a cake when it's my birthday.
- It annoys me if anyone (go) into my room without asking.
- If I want to relax, I (listen) to music.
- When my parents (have) a busy day, I help make dinner.

2 Complete the first conditional sentences in the conversation. Use the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Hi, Dan. I'm on my way, but I'm running a bit late because mum's car broke down. If I ¹ (miss) the bus, I ² (let) you know.

Dan

OK. If you ³ (not get) here on time, we ⁴ (not see) the show because they close the doors. But we can do something different.

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Thanks. If I ⁵ (be) too late, ⁶ (you / tell) Dylan I'm sorry, please?

Dan

OK. I'm sure he ⁷ (understand) the situation if I ⁸ (explain) it to him.

3 Choose the correct words to complete the zero and first conditional sentences.

- If you want / will want to take a photo, you press / you'll press this button.
- I send / I'll send you an invitation if you give / will give me your mobile number.
- Your mother is / will be worried about you if you don't / won't call her.
- If Lily concentrates / will concentrate, she always wins / she'll always win the game.
- If you don't / won't listen, you don't / won't know what to do.
- You don't / won't get to know them if you don't / won't talk to them.

4 Read the second conditional sentences from an interview with a child star. Complete them with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- I (not be) an actor today if I (not enjoy) it.
- They (tell) me if I (need) to take a break.
- If I (have) children, I (not push) them to be actors.
- If I (not be) an actor, I (miss) the excitement a lot.
- If I (can) work with any actor, it (be) Eddie Redmayne.
- I (not want) to be in a musical if I (have to) dance.
- My brother says he (be) in films if he (not be) a musician.

6 Complete the interview with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

What would you do IF...?

Every week at Pop News we invite our readers to ask their favourite celebrity the question 'What would you do if ... ?' This week we say hi to Billy from the band IDX.

Hi, Billy! What would you do if you ¹ (not be) in a pop group?

Ah, a difficult question! If I ² (not sing), I'd be really bored. Singing is my passion.

If you won the lottery, what ³ (you / buy)?

Great question! If I ⁴ (have) lots of money, I'd buy a big house for my family.

Billy, if you had another pet, what ⁵ (it / be)?

Well, I've already got two dogs, but if I ⁶ (get) another pet, it'd be a snake.

We know you hate flying, Billy. So what would you do if the band ⁷ (want) to do a concert in another country?

Well, if it wasn't too far, I ⁸ (travel) by train. I love trains.

