

LESSON 17: *Conditionals:* *Zero + First Conditional*



1. Zero conditional

Ex:

If water **reaches** 100 degrees, it always **boils**.

If you **touch** a fire, you **get** burned.

People **die** if they **don't eat**.

If babies **are** hungry, they **cry**.

- *It's a fact. I'm talking in general, not about one particular situation.*
- *This conditional is used when the result will always happen.*

→ If + Present Simple , Present Simple.



2. First Conditional

Examples

- If it **rains**, I **will stay** at home.
- If I **wake** up late, I **will miss** the bus.
- And, if it's **sunny**, we'll **go to** the park.
- If Juan **leaves**, Paula **will be** sad.
- If I **find** your email, I **will send** you the picture.
- If you **study** hard, you **will pass** your exams.



2. First conditional

Usage

To talk about possibilities in the present or in the future

→ If + Present Simple , Future Simple.

Note

Ex: **Unless = if not**

You'll be sick unless you **stop** eating.

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You will be sick **if you don't stop** eating.

PRACTICE

Exercise 1:

A Possibilities in my future

Complete this email from one friend to another by putting in the correct positive or negative forms of the verbs in brackets. Use the present simple or *will/won't*. Use short forms.

Thanks for your message, it was great to hear your news. I'm very busy at the moment because my exams start next week. If I get ⁰ (get) the right grades, I'll start ⁰ (start) my university course in September. But if I ¹ (do) well enough in them, I ² (be able to) go to that university. So I'm working very hard.

Thanks for inviting me to come and stay with you during the summer. I ³ (do) it if the flights ⁴ (be) too expensive. I'm planning to get a job for a few weeks and I ⁵ (save) enough money to come if I ⁶ (find) one. It ⁷ (be) a pity if we ⁸ (see) each other, so I'll do my best.

Other news? Well, the weather's terrible here at the moment. If it ⁹ (improve), I think I ¹⁰ (go) mad! I hope you're OK. If you ¹¹ (write) to me again soon, I ¹² (reply) as quickly as I can.

Exercise 2:

What might happen tonight

Judy and Brian are getting ready to go out for the evening. Complete their conversation, using the words below it and the present simple or *will/won't*.

JUDY If you don't hurry ⁰, ¹ to the restaurant on time.

BRIAN Well, ² if ³ a bit late. Don't worry about it.

JUDY I am worried. What ⁴ if ⁵ there?

BRIAN I'm sure ⁶ if ⁷ wait for us for a few minutes.

JUDY But it's a very important evening. It's Frank's birthday and ⁸ angry with us if ⁹ on time.

BRIAN Look, I'm nearly ready. If ¹⁰ calm, ¹¹ fine.

JUDY Do you think that Frank is going to make a speech?

BRIAN If ¹² a speech, ¹³ embarrassed, I'm sure.

JUDY Why? If ¹⁴ to make a speech on his special day, ¹⁵. If ¹⁶ his funny stories, ¹⁷.

BRIAN You might laugh. But if ¹⁸ about things that happened when he and I were small children, ¹⁹ leave the room!

0 you/not hurry	7 they/have to	14 he/want
1 we/not get	8 people/be	15 nobody/mind
2 it/not matter	9 we/not turn up	16 he/tell
3 we/be	10 you/keep	17 we/laugh
4 the others/do	11 everything/be	18 he/talk
5 we/not be	12 he/make	19 I/have to
6 they/not panic	13 everyone/be	

Exercise 3:

If you visit this city ...

Match the second halves of the tips from a travel guide (a–i) giving advice to tourists visiting a city with the beginning of each sentence (1–8). Write the letters of the correct sentence endings in the spaces.

- 0 If you book accommodation early,
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- 1 If you get lost in the city,
- 2 If you visit the Central Museum,
- 3 If you want to go to the opera,
- 4 If you go to the market,
- 5 If you want to avoid the crowds,
- 6 If you buy a tourist pass,
- 7 If you feel energetic one day,
- 8 If you come here in the winter,

- a you might like to climb to the top of the cathedral tower.
- b you should be able to get tickets easily.
- c some of the tourist attractions might not be open.
- d don't panic.
- e you shouldn't have to queue at museums and art galleries.
- f you might find some good souvenirs.
- g go straight to the third floor.
- h don't come at the height of the tourist season.
- i you shouldn't have difficulty getting a good hotel.