

# ENGLISH CONDITIONALS

## ZERO Conditional

If + Present Simple, Present Simple.

If you heat water at 100 degrees, it boils.

Use: To talk about things that are always true, like a scientific fact

## FIRST Conditional

If + Present Simple, Simple Future.

If it's sunny, we ll go to the park.

Use: To talk about possibilities in the present or in the future

## SECOND Conditional

If + Past Simple, Present Conditional.

If I won a million dollars, I would buy a new car.

Use: Imaginary situations in the present or future

## THIRD Conditional

If + Past Perfect, Perfect Conditional.

If the weather had been good, we would have gone water-skiing.

Use: Imagine situations in the past

## Rewrite the following sentences

1. She isn't passing her exams because she isn't studying hard enough.

If

2. I'd like to buy a bigger flat, but I haven't got enough money.

If

3. I never travel by plane because I get earache.

If

4. I won't go to the party if you don't go with me.

If

5. You can attend the meeting as long as you are a club member.

If

6. I'm too busy to go to the pub.

If

7. Ice melts down when you heat it.

If

8. She didn't understand because you didn't explain the situation to her.

If

9. You won't get a promotion if your work doesn't improve.

If

10. I never eat octopus because I get sick.

If

11. The government won't win the elections unless they create employment.

If

12. The critic didn't like the film, so she wrote a bad review

If

## Rewrite with IF or UNLESS

### Unless/ As long as

#### 1 UNLESS

Basically means if not

- **Unless** we Leave now, we'll be late.
- **If** we **don't** Leave now, we'll be late.

#### Use only **positive verb with "unless"**

**Unless** you study, you will not succeed. ✓

**Unless** you don't study, you ... ✗

Do not use **unless** with "not"

1. If I don't borrow Patrick's lawn mower, it will take me ages to cut the grass.  
**Unless**
2. Unless they stop that noise, I'll call the police.  
**If**
3. She won't find tickets for the concert if she doesn't book them soon.  
**Unless**
4. The mirror will fall unless you use a strong nail.  
**If**
5. Unless it rains, we'll go to the football match.  
**If**
6. They'll stay in a hotel if their relatives don't have a spare room.  
**Unless**
7. Unless you read the instructions, you won't know what to do. **If**
8. If the neighbours don't stop making that awful noise, I'll call the police. **Unless**

## Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first. Use IF

1. I don't know how to sew so I don't make my own clothes.  
If I knew
2. Let's swap clothes: I wear your jumper and you wear mine.  
I'll wear your
3. We didn't find what we were looking for because we didn't get to the sale early.  
If we'd got
4. I'll look in the charity shops first for what I want, and then the high-street shops.  
If I don't find what
5. I used that website because you told me about it.  
If
6. We have lots of great shops here, so people come here to shop.  
People
7. To be able to afford a holiday, we have to save €100 every month.  
We won't be able
8. He spoke out about the economic problems, so we became aware of them.  
If
9. They charge a booking fee, so the tickets cost €30 each.  
If

## OTHER CONDITIONAL LINKERS

### IN CASE

BECAUSE SOMETHING MIGHT HAPPEN

*I'll take an umbrella **in case** it rains.* (=I will take it because it might rain.)

*I'll take an umbrella **if** it rains.* (=I will take it only if it rains.)

### WHETHER OR NOT

SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN IN EITHER OF TWO POSSIBILITIES

*I'll help him **if** he needs me.* (=I will help him only if he needs me.)

*I'll help him **whether or not** he needs me.* (=I will help him if he needs me, and I will help him if he doesn't need me, too.)

### EVEN IF

(=WHETHER OR NOT). MORE EMPHASIS

***Even if** you apologise, he'll never forgive you.*

(=Whether or not you apologise, he'll never forgive you.)

### AS LONG AS, PROVIDED/PROVIDING THAT, ON CONDITION THAT, ONLY IF

(=IF) TO EMPHASISE THE CONDITION

*I'll tell you what really happened **as long as/only if** you can keep the secret.*

*I'll lend you the money **provided/on condition (that)** you pay me back next month.*

### SUPPOSE/SUPPOSING

(=IF) IMAGINING A SITUATION

***Supposing** I got a job, I wouldn't be able to travel with you next summer.*

***Suppose** she doesn't believe you, what would you do then?*

## Rewrite the following sentences using the word in brackets

- We'll go fishing tomorrow if the weather is fine. (providing)  
We'll go fishing tomorrow
- If you let me wear your sweater, I won't tell Mum what you did. (as long as)  
I won't
- Aunt Josephine will be here at eight as long as her train arrives on time. (providing)  
Aunt
- You can borrow my car provided you bring it back at four. (as long as)  
You
- She is going to the marathon next year and it doesn't matter if the training is hard. (even if)  
She is going
- If they offer him enough money, he will accept. (supposing)  
Supposing
- I'll tell you all about it as long as you promise to keep it a secret. (provided)  
I'll tell you
- I'll buy a sandwich because I may get hungry later. (in case)  
I'll
- I'll talk to the press only if they don't reveal my identity. (on condition that)  
I'll
- They'll play tomorrow even if it rains. (whether)  
They'll
- They'll receive a pay rise but only if they work harder. (as long as)  
They
- She will graduate next year if she passes all her courses. (suppose)  
Suppose she

