

GRAMMAR

1st and 2nd Conditionals

Grammar Reminder

First Conditional

Use the first conditional for real or possible future situations.

Structure:

If + present simple, will + verb

Example:

If it rains heavily, the river will flood.

Unless means *if not*.

Example:

Unless people leave the area, they will be in danger.

Second Conditional

Use the second conditional for imaginary or unlikely situations.

Structure:

If + past simple, would + verb

Example:

If I lived near a volcano, I would feel nervous.

Exercise 1

Write first conditional or second conditional sentences using the verbs in brackets.

1. If the storm _____ (get) worse, schools _____ (close).
2. If people _____ (not leave) the beach, they will be in danger.
3. If I _____ (live) in an area with hurricanes, I _____ (prepare) an emergency kit.

4. Unless the firefighters _____ (arrive) soon, the fire will spread.
5. If there _____ (be) a tsunami in my town, I _____ (feel) very scared.
6. Unless we _____ (save) water, there will be serious droughts in the future.

Exercise 2

Choose the correct option.

1. If the weather gets worse, we
 - a) cancel the trip
 - b) will cancel the trip
 - c) would cancel the trip
2. Unless people stay indoors, they
 - a) will get hurt
 - b) would get hurt
 - c) got hurt
3. If I saw a tornado, I
 - a) will call emergency services
 - b) would call emergency services
 - c) call emergency services
4. If the river floods, many roads
 - a) close
 - b) would close
 - c) will close
5. Unless the government improves safety systems, more homes
 - a) will be damaged
 - b) would be damaged
 - c) damaged

Exercise 3

Rewrite the sentences using "Unless".

1. If people do not evacuate, they will be trapped.
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2. If we don't protect forests, more wildfires will happen.
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3. If the rescue team doesn't arrive quickly, people will panic.
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4. If you don't follow the weather forecast, you will be unprepared.
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Exercise 4

Match the sentence halves.

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| 1. If there is heavy rain tonight, | a. climate change will become worse. |
| 2. Unless people reduce pollution, | b. I would probably move away. |
| 3. If I lived near an active volcano, | c. many families will lose everything. |
| 4. If the earthquake damages the bridge, | d. the city will close the roads. |
| 5. Unless emergency teams help soon, | e. the streets will flood. |

Exercise 5

Answer the questions using complete sentences.

1. What will you do if there is a severe storm this weekend?
2. What would you do if a flood happened in your town?
3. What will happen if people ignore climate change?
4. If you were the leader of your country, what would you do to prepare for natural disasters?