

First Conditional

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Quick and Handy Grammar Review

FIRST CONDITIONAL

A. Introduction to Conditionals

Conditionals are used to express a *hypothetical* situation, where the speaker doesn't know if something will happen or not and is making an assumption or guess. There are four conditional patterns in the English language, and they usually involve an "if" clause. This lesson will focus on the **first conditional**, also known as the **real conditional**.

B. The First Conditional

Pattern: If + present, will + verb

Use: The first conditional shows a **likely** or **possible** outcome. This outcome will probably happen if a certain condition is met.

Tip #1

The verb in the *if clause* is a **simple present** verb, and the verb in the *main clause* is **will + base form** of the verb. A sentence can begin with either clause with no change in meaning. Remember that a sentence that begins with an *if clause* is followed by a comma.

- **If it's sunny tomorrow**, they will go to the beach.
- **They will go to the beach** if it's sunny tomorrow.

Examples			
Sentences	Condition	Outcome	Explanation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If I study for the test, I will get a good grade. • I will get a good grade if I study for the test. 	studying	good grade	Studying makes it likely that I will get a good grade on the test.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If Mr. Smith has a second cup of coffee, he will probably be late for work. • Mr. Smith will probably be late for work if he has a second cup of coffee. 	second cup of coffee	late for work	Having another cup of coffee makes it possible that Mr. Smith will be late.



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Examples cont.			
Sentences	Condition	Outcome	Explanation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If they rehearse a lot, they'll be ready for their concert next weekend. They'll be ready for their concert next weekend if they rehearse a lot. 	rehearsing	ready for concert	Rehearsing makes it likely that they will be ready to play at their upcoming concert.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If she doesn't buy a new suit, she won't have anything to wear to the interview. She won't have anything to wear to the interview if she doesn't buy a new suit. 	new suit	something to wear to the interview	Not buying a new suit means she won't have an appropriate interview outfit.

Tip #2

It is possible to have a negative verb in the *if clause*, the main clause, or both. The contraction of *will not* is *won't*.

- If I **don't pass** this test, my parents will be very angry.
- If I forget to water the plants, they **won't survive**.
- If I'm **not** late for work again, I **won't have** to look for another job.

Tip #3

The verb in the *if clause* will end in -s if the subject is third person singular.

- If she **watches** that sad movie, she will cry.
- She will cry if she **watches** that sad movie.

Tip #4

Though not as common, it is possible to use *be going to + verb* or the present progressive (which are the two other ways of forming the simple future in English) in place of *will + verb* with no change in meaning.

For example, these sentences all have the same meaning:

- If it doesn't rain, we **will go** for a walk. (will + V)
- If it doesn't rain, we **are going to go** for a walk. (be going to + V)
- If it doesn't rain, we **are going** for a walk. (be + -ing V)

Exercise 1

VERB CHOICE

Choose the correct verb tense in each of the following sentences.

1. If she goes to the birthday party on Sunday, she _____ a present.
a) takes
b) will take
c) take
2. I _____ the doctor if my stomach still hurts tomorrow.
a) will call
b) called
c) call
3. She will do the exercise again if she _____ a lot of mistakes.
a) will make
b) makes
c) make
4. If they practice a lot, they _____ the game next weekend.
a) wins
b) win
c) will win
5. I will take my umbrella if it _____ tomorrow.
a) rains
b) raining
c) will rain
6. She will marry him if he _____ her.
a) will ask
b) ask
c) asks
7. If we go out tonight, we _____ the door.
a) will lock
b) locks
c) lock
8. I will make a sandwich if I _____ hungry.
a) is
b) will be
c) am

Exercise 2

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verb provided.

1. If Robert _____ to bed late tonight, he _____.
(go) (sleep in)
2. If he _____, he _____ his bus.
(sleep in) (miss)
3. If he _____ the bus, he _____ late for work.
(miss) (be)
4. If he _____ late for work, his boss _____ angry.
(be) (be)
5. If Robert's boss _____ angry, he _____ him.
(be) (fire)
6. If Robert _____ his job, his girlfriend _____ upset with him.
(lose) (get)
7. If Robert's girlfriend _____ upset again, she _____ with him.
(get) (break up)
8. If she _____ with him, he _____ lonely.
(break up) (be)
9. If Robert _____ lonely, he _____ some friends.
(feel) (call)
10. If Robert _____ his friends, they _____ him to their party.
(call) (ask)
11. If Robert _____ to the party, he _____ too much beer.
(go) (drink)
12. If Robert _____ too much beer, he _____ a ride home.
(drink) (need)
13. If Robert _____ a ride home, he _____ stay until the end of the party.
(need) (have to)
14. If Robert _____ until the end of the party, he _____ home very late.
(stay) (get)
15. If Robert _____ home late, he _____ to bed late.
(get) (go)

And you know what **will happen** if Robert **goes** to bed late again!

Exercise 3

MATCHING

Match the first part of the sentence on the left with the most logical ending on the right. Each choice can only be used once.

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| _____ 1. If you eat too much candy... | a) if you babysit your little sister tonight. |
| _____ 2. If you don't study... | b) the teacher will keep you in after class. |
| _____ 3. You will have bad dreams... | c) I won't let you have any dessert. |
| _____ 4. If you eat lots of vegetables... | d) I will buy you a treat. |
| _____ 5. You will burn yourself... | e) you will be healthy. |
| _____ 6. If you are late for school... | f) you will play beautifully. |
| _____ 7. If you practice the piano every night... | g) you will fail your exam. |
| _____ 8. If you don't finish your dinner... | h) your teeth will hurt. |
| _____ 9. If you behave nicely... | i) if you watch a scary movie before bed. |
| _____ 10. I will pay you ten dollars... | j) if you play with matches. |

Exercise 4

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

Complete the following sentences using your own words.

1. If you don't water the plants, _____.
2. If you wash your wool clothes in hot water, _____.
3. If you eat too many sweets, _____.
4. If you don't wear sunscreen, _____.
5. I will read you a bedtime story if _____.
6. You will be punished if _____.
7. If you drive too fast, _____.
8. You'll be tired in the morning if _____.

Exercise 5

NEGATIVE SENTENCES

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb provided.

1. We _____ tennis tomorrow if it _____.
(not/play) (rain)
2. She _____ the children play in the house if they _____ too much noise.
(let) (not/make)
3. If we _____, we _____ our plane.
(not/hurry) (miss)
4. The bee _____ you if you _____.
(not/sting) (not/move)
5. If you _____ more loudly, no one _____ you.
(not/speak) (hear)
6. We _____ late if we _____ the car.
(be) (not/take)
7. If it _____ hot tomorrow, we _____ to the beach.
(not/be) (not/go)
8. If you _____ your umbrella, you _____ wet.
(not/take) (get)
9. You _____ your test if you _____ harder.
(not/pass) (not/study)
10. If he _____ a job soon, she _____ him.
(not/find) (not/marry)
11. They _____ you if you _____ you're sorry.
(not/forgive) (not/say)
12. The bank _____ you money if you _____ a good job.
(not/lend) (not/have)
13. If you _____ your room, your mother _____ you go to the movie tonight.
(not/clean) (not/let)
14. If you _____ smoking, you _____ sick.
(not/quit) (get)
15. You _____ to sleep if you _____ that horror movie.
(not/be able) (watch)
16. If you _____ your alarm clock, you _____ up on time.
(not/set) (not/wake)
17. You _____ if you _____.
(not/improve) (not/practice)

Exercise 6

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

A. Main Clause + If Clause

Put the words in the correct order to make conditional sentences. Start each sentence with the main clause.

Ex. works will she hard boss give a the raise if her

The boss will give her a raise if she works hard.

1. we if is cancel the bad will the weather game

2. she car if will doesn't take the start bus her

3. I am your will if come to I not party busy

4. if will umbrella it take rains I an

B. If Clause + Main Clause

Put the words in the correct order to make conditional sentences. Start each sentence with the if clause.

Ex. works will she hard boss give a the raise if her

If she works hard, the boss will give her a raise.

1. if put will in fridge you the go don't milk the it sour

2. garden don't plants if grow the water the won't you

3. next beach go the sunny we if weekend it's will to

4. we if sold concert too out long wait the be will

Exercise 7

SUPERSTITIONS

Many cultures have similar superstitions. For example:

- If you break a mirror, you will have seven years of bad luck.
- If you pull out a gray hair, ten more will grow in its place.

A. Matching

Work with a partner or in small groups. Read the first part of the superstitions and try to match them with the correct endings. If you have never heard of these superstitions, use your imagination and have fun!

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| _____ 1. If you step on a crack, | a) you will have to pay someone a lot of money. |
| _____ 2. If your right eye twitches, | b) you will soon be kissed by a fool. |
| _____ 3. If the bottom of your foot itches, | c) your house will burn down. |
| _____ 4. If you blow out all the candles
on your birthday cake in one blow, | d) there will soon be a birth in your family. |
| _____ 5. If the palm of your left hand itches, | e) you will never marry. |
| _____ 6. If you are a bridesmaid three times, | f) it will keep the doctor away. |
| _____ 7. If a bee enters your house, | g) your wish will come true. |
| _____ 8. If you say goodbye to a friend on a bridge, | h) you will know how many children you will have. |
| _____ 9. If you see a swarm of bees on your roof, | i) you will soon have a visitor. |
| _____ 10. If your nose itches, | j) you will break your mother's back. |
| _____ 11. If you eat an apple every day, | k) you will never see each other again. |
| _____ 12. If you cut an apple in half and
count how many seeds are inside, | l) you will take a trip soon. |

B. Writing

Write three superstitions from your own culture using the first conditional.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Exercise 8

SURVEY

Work in small groups. Complete the chart below by asking three of your classmates the following questions. Answer using the first conditional.

#	Question			
1	If you go to a restaurant this weekend, what will you order?			
2	If the teacher gives a lot of homework tonight, will you have time to finish it?			
3	If the weather is beautiful on the weekend, what will you do?			
4	If you catch a bad cold this week, what will you do/take for it?			
5	If you go to a movie this weekend, what will you see?			
6	If you watch TV tonight, what will you watch?			
7	If you take a trip soon, where will you go?			
8	If you buy a new boat, what color will it be?			
9	If you have dessert tonight, what will you have?			
10	If you visit a friend this week, who will it be?			

Exercise 9

QUIZ

Choose the best answer for each question.

1. If you _____ carefully,
you'll know what to do.
a) will think
b) think
c) thinks
2. If she goes out tonight, she
_____ it tomorrow morning.
a) regret
b) regrets
c) will regret
3. I will send you a postcard if
you _____ me your address.
a) give
b) gives
c) will give
4. My brother will miss his
appointment if he _____ late.
a) will be
b) are
c) is
5. If he _____ a pizza, he
will eat the whole thing.
a) orders
b) will order
c) order
6. They _____ out for dinner if
there is no food in the house.
a) will go
b) goes
c) go
7. If the weather is bad,
we _____ the picnic.
a) cancel
b) will cancel
c) cancels
8. If I _____ late, my
parents will be angry.
a) will be
b) am
c) is
9. My coworkers _____ the
report today if they finish it.
a) hands in
b) hand in
c) will hand in
10. If that painting is still for sale,
we _____ it.
a) buy
b) will buy
c) buys
11. If their grandmother _____ ,
they will sing a song to her.
a) call
b) will call
c) calls
12. My manager _____ about the
meeting if I don't remind her.
a) forgets
b) forget
c) will forget