

FIRST CONDITIONAL

A2 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Practice | 35-45 minutes

Learn and practise | Talk about a possible future situation and its result.

1. READ: Planning a picnic

Read the conversation. Notice the bold conditions and results.

Jo: Shall we have the picnic in the park tomorrow?

Max: Yes. **If it's sunny, we'll sit** by the lake.

Jo: And what will we do if it rains?

Max: **We'll eat** at my flat **if the weather's bad**. There's plenty of room.

Jo: Okay. **If we stay** indoors, **I'll bring** a board game.

Max: Good idea. I'll check the forecast in the morning and message everyone.

2. GRAMMAR: A possible future condition

Use if + present simple, then will + base verb, for a possible future situation and its result.

Part	Pattern	Example
Condition	if + present simple	If it rains, ...
Result	will / won't + base verb	... we'll stay indoors.
Other order	Result + if + condition	We'll stay in if it rains.

Use the **present simple** after if: **If she comes, I'll tell her**. Not If she will come.

If the condition comes first, use a comma: **If I'm late, I'll call**.

No comma is usually needed in the other order: **I'll call if I'm late**.

A. CHOOSE

Circle the correct form. The example answer is bold: If it **rains** / will rain, we'll stay in.

1. If I finish / will finish early, I'll call.

2. If she comes, we meet / will meet her.

3. He'll help if you ask / will ask him.

4. If we miss the bus, we'll walk / walking.

5. If it doesn't / won't rain, we'll go out.

6. You won't be cold if you wear / will wear a coat.

7. What will / do you do if the shop is closed?

8. If Ben doesn't / won't come, I'll save him some cake.

Read each answer aloud. Check the subject, the noun or the clue.

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Use it | Complete a context, write sentences and speak with a partner.

B. COMPLETE: Getting to the cinema

Use the present simple or will + base verb. Use contractions where possible.

Amy: The film starts at seven. What if the bus is late?

Dan: If it (1) _____ (not / arrive) by six, (2) _____ (we / walk).

Amy: Okay. (3) _____ (I / buy) the tickets if you (4) _____ (get) the snacks.

Dan: Deal. If the cinema's busy, (5) _____ (we / not / sit) together.

Amy: Let's try, though. There might still be a few pairs of seats.

Dan: Let's leave now. If we (6) _____ (hurry), we'll catch the next bus.

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1-2: Correct the underlined verb form.

Example: If it will rain, I'll stay in. **If it rains, I'll stay in.**

1. If she will come, I'll make tea.

2. If I have time tomorrow, I help you.

3-4: Join the sentences. Begin with If. Example: I finish early. I'll call. **If I finish early, I'll call.**

3. It rains. We'll take the bus.

4. We leave now. We'll arrive on time.

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU

Write three possible plans for tomorrow. Use an if-condition and a result in each sentence.

Example: **If it's sunny, I'll go for a walk. If I finish early, I'll cook. If I'm tired, I'll stay in.**

E. SPEAK WITH A PARTNER

1. Plan a day out. Decide what you'll do if it rains, if the bus is late and if a place is closed.

2. Ask your partner: **What will you do if you have a free afternoon tomorrow?**

Ask a follow-up question using another possible condition.

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

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Sample target language from the conversation:

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Max: **We'll eat** at my flat **if the weather's bad**. There's plenty of room.

Jo: Okay. **If we stay** indoors, **I'll bring** a board game.

A. CHOOSE

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| 1. finish | 2. will meet |
| 3. ask | 4. walk |
| 5. doesn't | 6. wear |
| 7. will | 8. doesn't |

B. COMPLETE: Getting to the cinema

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|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. doesn't arrive | 2. we'll walk |
| 3. I'll buy | 4. get |
| 5. we won't sit | 6. hurry |

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1. If she comes, I'll make tea.
2. If I have time tomorrow, I'll help you.
3. If it rains, we'll take the bus.
4. If we leave now, we'll arrive on time.

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU / E. SPEAK

Personal answers will vary. Check the target grammar.

Sample: If it's sunny, I'll go for a walk. If I finish early, I'll cook. If I'm tired, I'll stay in.

Teacher note: This lesson teaches the standard first conditional with will. Other modals and imperatives are possible but not practised here. C1-2 correct only the underlined form; C2 is presented as a future offer. Check tense choices and the comma when the if-clause comes first.