

FIRST CONDITIONAL & UNLESS

B1 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Practice | 35-45 minutes

Learn and practise | Discuss realistic future possibilities and consequences.

1. READ: An outdoor film night

Read the conversation. Notice the bold grammar and how the speakers use it.

Kit: Are we still showing the film outside tomorrow?

Bea: Yes. **If it stays** dry, we'll **put** the screen in the garden.

Kit: And if it rains?

Bea: We'll **move** indoors. We won't cancel **unless the wind gets** really strong.

Kit: I'll bring some blankets, then.

Bea: Great. **If you arrive** early, you **can help** me set up.

2. GRAMMAR: Possible condition and result

Use if + present simple, then will + base verb for a realistic future possibility.

Use / form	Pattern	Example
Condition	if + present simple	If it rains, ...
Result	will / can + base verb	... we'll move inside.
Unless	unless = if ... not	We won't cancel unless it's windy.

Unless: Unless you hurry, you'll miss it. = If you don't hurry, you'll miss it.

Don't usually put will in the if-clause. The result can also use can or an imperative.

Use a comma when the condition comes first.

A. CHOOSE

Circle the correct option in each sentence.

1. If it rains / will rain, we'll stay in.
2. I'll call if I have / will have news.
3. Unless / If you hurry, you'll miss the bus.
4. If she calls, I tell / will tell her.
5. You can come if you are / will be free.
6. We won't go unless it stops / will stop raining.
7. If you see Jo, give / will give her this note.
8. If he doesn't call, I'll / I call him.

Read each answer aloud. Explain which meaning or time clue helped you.

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

B. COMPLETE: Planning a picnic

Complete each sentence with the correct form of the words in brackets.

1. If the weather _____ (stay) fine, we'll eat outside.
2. We _____ (bring) the food indoors if it rains.
3. Unless Jo _____ (finish) work early, she'll arrive late.
4. If you _____ (need) a lift, call me.
5. I'll save you a seat if you _____ (come).
6. We won't start unless everyone _____ (be) ready.

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1-2: Join with if.

Example: It may rain. We'll stay in. **If it rains, we'll stay in.**

1. You may need help. I'll come. (if) _____
2. It may be warm. We'll swim. (if) _____

3-4: Rewrite using unless. Example: If you don't hurry, you'll miss it. **Unless you hurry, you'll miss it.**

3. If you don't book, you won't get a seat. _____
4. If it doesn't stop raining, we won't go. _____

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU

Write three possible future situations and their results. Use unless in one sentence.

Example: **If I finish early, I'll cook. Unless it rains, I'll walk home.**

E. SPEAK WITH A PARTNER

Plan an outdoor event. Discuss weather, transport and late arrivals.

Agree on a backup plan using **if** and **unless**.

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

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A. CHOOSE

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| 3. Unless | 4. will tell |
| 5. are | 6. stops |
| 7. give | 8. I'll |

B. COMPLETE: Planning a picnic

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| 1. stays | 2. will bring / 'll bring |
| 3. finishes | 4. need |
| 5. come | 6. is |

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1. If you need help, I'll come.
2. If it's warm, we'll swim.
3. Unless you book, you won't get a seat.
4. Unless it stops raining, we won't go.

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU / E. SPEAK

Personal answers will vary. Check the target grammar.

Sample: If it's sunny, we'll have a picnic. If Jo is free, she'll join us. Unless the park is closed, we'll meet there.

Teacher note: Accept reversed clause order. Check that unless replacements preserve the original negative condition.