



First Conditional

The first conditional is used to talk about real and possible situations in the future. It describes things that are likely to happen if a certain condition is met.

If (+) Simple Present, will (+) infinitive

Uses:

1. Possible Future Events:

To talk about actions or events that might happen in the future.

- If I have time, I will help you with your project.
- If they arrive early, we will start the meeting.

2. Promises and Threats:

To make promises or threats about the future.

- If you work hard, you will get a promotion.
- If you don't clean your room, you won't be allowed to go out.

3. Suggestions and Advice:

To give advice or make suggestions about what might happen.

- If you feel sick, you should see a doctor.
- If it's hot tomorrow, we should go to the beach.

Examples:

1. Positive:

- If it rains, I will bring an umbrella.
- If she studies hard, she will pass the exam.

2. Negative:

- If you don't hurry, you will miss the bus.
- If they don't arrive soon, we won't wait for them.

3. Questions:

- If I call you, will you answer?
- If he invites you, will you go?



Variations:

- **Imperative in the Main Clause:** Sometimes the main clause can be an imperative.
 - If you see John, tell him to call me.
 - If you're tired, take a break.

Common Mistakes:

1. **Using the future tense in the 'if' clause:**
 - Incorrect: If it will rain, we will cancel the picnic.
 - Correct: If it rains, we will cancel the picnic.
2. **Mixing first and second conditional:**
 - Incorrect: If I have time, I would help you.
 - Correct: If I have time, I will help you.

Summary:

- The first conditional is for real and possible future situations.
- It uses the present simple in the 'if' clause and 'will' + base verb in the main clause.
- It can express predictions, promises, warnings, suggestions, or advice.

Examples to Clarify:

1. **Prediction:** If you read this book, you will learn a lot.
2. **Promise:** If you come to the party, I will introduce you to my friends.
3. **Warning:** If you touch that wire, you will get a shock.
4. **Suggestion:** If you're free this weekend, we should go hiking.

Five alternatives to 'if'

1. **As long as...**
As long as we go somewhere hot,
I'll travel with you.
2. **Suppose...**
Suppose we went to America - would it
be safe?
3. **Unless...**
Unless I get the time off work, I won't
be able to go.
4. **Providing / provided...**
Providing I get the time off work, I'll go.
5. **On (the) condition that...**
On the condition that you pay me extra,
I'll work over the holiday.



Conversation Using First Conditional

Context: Two friends, Alex and Sam, are discussing their plans for the weekend.

Alex : Hey Sam, do you have any plans for the weekend?

Sam : Not yet. What about you?

Alex : I was thinking, if the weather is nice, we will go hiking. Do you want to join?

Sam : That sounds great! But what if it rains?

Alex : If it rains, we will go to the new indoor climbing gym instead.

Sam : That's a good backup plan. I've been wanting to try indoor climbing. If we go there, will you teach me some basics?

Alex : Of course! If you want, I will bring my extra gear for you to use.

Sam : Thanks, Alex. What time should we meet?

Alex : If we go hiking, let's meet at 8 AM. If we go to the climbing gym, we can meet at 10 AM.

Sam : Sounds good. If I'm running late, I will text you.

Alex : Perfect. If you need a ride, let me know. I can pick you up.

Sam : Thanks! I'll let you know by tomorrow evening. If my brother wants to come, is that okay?

Alex : Sure, the more the merrier! If he joins, we will need to bring some extra snacks and water.

Sam : Got it. I'll check with him and let you know. If we go hiking, which trail are you thinking of?

Alex : If we go, we will hike the Blue Ridge Trail. It's challenging but has amazing views.

Sam : Awesome, I'm excited! Let's hope for good weather. If it's nice, it will be a perfect day.

Alex : Definitely. I'll keep an eye on the forecast. If there are any changes, I will update you.

Sam : Great, thanks Alex. Looking forward to it!

Alex : Me too, Sam. See you this weekend!