

STUDY GUIDE: The First Conditional

1. What is the First Conditional?

We use the First Conditional to talk about real or possible situations in the future — things that can really happen.

Structure: If + Present Simple, will + base verb

Examples:

- If it rains, we will stay at home.
- If she studies, she will pass the exam.
- If they don't hurry, they will miss the bus.

ESTE ESTA MAL ✗ If it will rain, we will stay home.

ASÍ ESTA BIEN ☑ If it rains, we will stay home.

2. Variations

You can change the order of the sentence:

If it rains, we will stay at home. = We will stay at home if it rains.

No comma is needed when 'if' is in the middle.

3. Common uses

- Plans → If I finish my homework, I'll go out.
- Warnings → If you touch that, you'll get hurt.
- Promises → If you help me, I'll buy you a snack.

NOW LET'S PRACTISE!

A. Complete the sentences

1. If it rains (rain), we will stay (stay) at home.
2. If I study (study), I will pass (pass) the test.
3. She will be (be) tired if she goes (go) to bed late.
4. If they don't hurry (not hurry), they will miss (miss) the train.
5. If we go (go) to London, we will visit (visit) the museums.

B. Match the halves

Match the beginnings (1-5) with the endings (A-E).

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| 1. If I see Tom, ... | A. ... we'll go to the beach. |
| 2. If we don't leave now, ... | B. ... we'll miss the bus. |
| 3. If you eat too much sugar, ... | C. ... I'll invite him to the party. |
| 4. If my team wins, ... | D. ... I'll be really happy. |
| 5. If it's sunny tomorrow, ... | E. ... you'll get sick. |

C. Your turn!! Write 3 sentences using the first conditional about your life:

Example: If I get good grades, my parents will be proud.

If I study hard, I'll get good grades

If I go out with my friends, I'll have fun

If it rains tomorrow, I'll stay at ~~home~~ home