

## Conditionals - Type 1

### Introduction

1) Conditionals are sentences with two clauses – a main clause and an *if* clause. Conditionals state that the action in the main clause can only take place if a certain condition in the *if* clause is fulfilled.

*If we don't hurry, we will be late!*

2) There are five main types of conditionals in English.

Conditionals Type 1 or first conditionals are used to describe future events that will happen or are likely to happen. These sentences are based on facts, thus we make statements about the real world or particular situation.

*If you don't study, you will fail the exam. (Sometimes you can pass an exam without studying, but this time it won't work.)*

Use the present simple tense in the *if* clause and the future simple tense in the main clause. Note that the order of the main and *if* clauses is not fixed. Although when the *if* clause precedes the main one, use a comma.

IF clause	MAIN clause
<b>If + present simple</b>	<b>future simple</b>
<i>If the weather is great,</i>	<i>we'll go to the park.</i>
<i>If you don't stop fighting with each other,</i>	<i>you two will be grounded!</i>

Note that it is possible to use other present tenses (e.g. present continuous, present perfect) in the *if* clause.

*If you're going, I'll go too! (if + present continuous, future simple)*

*If they've already received your information, they will let you know. (if + present perfect, future simple)*

First conditionals can be used to give instructions in some particular situation.

*If you carry all these bottles at once, you'll drop them. It's too dangerous!*

**Short Story Dialogue**

– *My parents are just too much sometimes! They constantly tell me that if I don't study, I won't pass the exams. If I don't eat healthy, I'll have health problems later in life. If I don't go out more, I won't have friends.*

– *Gosh, that's depressing! I can see where they're coming from though. They're just worried, I suppose.*

– *It'd be better if they were less straightforward.*

**Independent Practice - Conditionals - Type 1**

**1) Underline the correct word or phrase in the following sentences.**

- a. If they *want/wanted* to go with us, they will give us a call.
- b. Mia will be furious if Beth *will forgets/forgets* about their plans again.
- c. If *are we/we're* late for class today, Mrs. Smite will be really angry.
- d. What *we will do/will we do* if we miss our train?
- e. We'll just *will find/find* a local supermarket if we get hungry.
- f. If you *will make/make* a mess, you'll clean it up.
- g. Don't worry. No one will judge you *if/what* you say 'No'.

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c. ....

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## Independent Practice: Answers - Conditionals - Type 1

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- a. If I'm busy doing something, I'll respond to your message later.
- b. If the negotiations go smoothly, they'll sign the contract.
- c. If you don't buy a winter coat, you'll freeze in winter.