

Conditional Sentences – First Condition (Future Possible)

Verb Tenses in First Conditional Sentences

Directions: Choose the correct verb tense in each of the following sentences.

1. If she goes to the birthday party, she _____ a present.
2. I _____ the doctor if my stomach still hurts tomorrow.
3. She will do the exercise again if she _____ a lot of mistakes.
4. If they practice a lot, they _____ the game.
5. I will take my umbrella if it _____ tomorrow.
6. She will marry him if he _____ her.
7. If we go out tonight, we _____ the door.
8. I will make a sandwich if I _____ hungry.

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| a) takes | b) will take | c) take |
| a) will call | b) called | c) call |
| a) will make | b) makes | c) make |
| a) wins | b) win | c) will win |
| a) rains | b) raining | c) will rain |
| a) will ask | b) ask | c) asks |
| a) will lock | b) are locking | c) lock |
| a) be | b) will be | c) am |

Directions: Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the verb provided.

1. If Robert _____ (go) to bed late, he _____ (sleep in).
2. If he _____ (sleep in), he _____ (miss) his bus.
3. If he _____ (miss) the bus, he _____ (be) late for work.
4. If he _____ (be) late for work, his boss _____ (be) angry.
5. If Robert's boss _____ (be) angry, he _____ (fire) him.
6. If Robert _____ (lose) his job, his girlfriend _____ (get) upset with him.
7. If Robert's girlfriend _____ (get) upset again, she _____ (break up) with him.
8. If she _____ (break up) with him, he _____ (be) lonely.
9. If Robert _____ (feel) lonely, he _____ (call) some friends.
10. If Robert _____ (call) his friends, they _____ (ask) him to their party.
11. If Robert _____ (go) to the party, he _____ (drink) too much beer.
12. If Robert _____ (drink) too much beer, he _____ (need) a ride home.
13. If Robert _____ (need) a ride home, he _____ (have to) stay until the end of the party.
14. If Robert _____ (stay) until the end of the party, he _____ (get) home very late.
15. If Robert _____ (get) home late, he _____ (go) to bed late.

And you know what will happen if Robert goes to bed late again!

First Conditional - Matching Exercise

A. Match the first part of the sentence on the left with the correct ending on the right.

Mother always says...

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| 1. If you eat too much candy _____ | a) if you baby sit your little sister tonight. |
| 2. If you don't study _____ | b) the teacher will keep you in after class. |
| 3. You will have bad dreams _____ | c) I won't let you have any dessert. |
| 4. If you eat lots of vegetables _____ | d) I will buy you a treat. |
| 5. You will burn yourself _____ | e) you will be healthy. |
| 6. If you are late for school _____ | f) you will play beautifully. |
| 7. If you practice the piano every night _____ | g) you will fail your exam. |
| 8. If you don't finish your dinner _____ | h) your teeth will hurt. |
| 9. If you behave nicely _____ | i) if you watch a scary movie before bed. |
| 10. I will pay you ten dollars _____ | j) if you play with matches. |

B. Complete the following sentences using your own words.

1. If you don't water the plants, _____.
2. If you wash your wool clothes in hot water, _____.
3. If you eat too many sweets, _____.
4. If you don't wear sunscreen, _____.
5. I will read you a bedtime story if _____.
6. You will be punished if _____.
7. If you drive too fast, _____.
8. You'll be tired in the morning if _____.

First Conditional – Negative Sentences

Complete the following sentences with the correct tense of the verbs provided.

1. We _____ (not/play) tennis tomorrow if it _____ (rain).
2. She _____ (let) the children play in the house if they _____ (not/make) too much noise.
3. If we _____ (not/hurry), we _____ (miss) our plane.
4. The bee _____ (not/sting) you if you _____ (not/move).
5. If you _____ (not/speak) louder, no one _____ (hear) you.
6. We _____ (be) late if we _____ (not/take) the car.
7. If it _____ (not/be) hot tomorrow, we _____ (not/go) to the beach.
8. If you _____ (not/take) your umbrella, you _____ (get) wet.
9. You _____ (not/pass) your test if you _____ (not/study) harder.
10. If he _____ (not/ find) a job soon, she _____ (not/marry) him.
11. They _____ (not/forgive) you if you _____ (not/say) you're sorry.
12. The bank _____ (not/lend) you money if you _____ (not/have) a good job.
13. If you _____ (not/clean) your room, your mother _____ (not/let) you go to the movie tonight.
14. If you _____ (not/quit) smoking, you _____ (get) sick.
15. You _____ (not/be able) to sleep if you _____ (watch) that horror movie.
16. If you _____ (not/set) your alarm clock, you _____ (not/wake) up on time.
17. You _____ (not/improve) if you _____ (not/practice).

First Conditional

A. Scrambled Sentences

Directions: Put the words in the correct order to make conditional sentences.

Ex. works will she hard boss give a the raise if her

The boss will give her a raise if she works hard.

1. we if is cancel the bad will the weather game

2. she car if will doesn't take the start bus her

3. I am your will if come to I not party busy

4. if will umbrella it take rains I an

5. if put will in fridge you the go don't milk the it sour

B. Sentence Completion

Use your own words to complete the following first conditional sentences.

1. If you _____ carefully, you _____ what to do.

2. If I _____ any help, I _____ you.

3. If he _____ late, he _____ his appointment.

4. If the weather _____ bad, we _____ the picnic.

5. I _____ you a postcard if you _____ me your address.

6. I _____ fish for dinner tonight if I _____ one.

Superstitions

Many cultures have similar superstitions.

ex. *If you break a mirror, you will have seven years of bad luck.*

If you pull out a gray hair, ten more will grow in its place.

A. Directions: Work with a partner or in small groups. Read the first part of the superstitions and try to match them with the correct endings. If you have never heard these superstitions, use your imagination and have fun!

Beginnings....

1. If you step on a crack, _____
2. If your right eye twitches, _____
3. If the bottom of your foot itches, _____
4. If you blow out all the candles on your birthday cake in one blow, _____
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5. If the palm of your left hand itches, _____
6. If you are a bridesmaid three times, _____
7. If a bee enters your house, _____
8. If you say goodbye to a friend on a bridge, _____
9. If you see a swarm of bees on your roof, _____
10. If your nose itches, _____
11. If you eat an apple everyday, _____
12. If you cut an apple in half and count how many seeds are inside, _____
- _____

Endings...

- A. ...you will have to pay someone some money.
- B. ...you will soon be kissed by a fool.
- C. ...your house will burn down.
- D. ...there will soon be a birth in your family.
- E. ...you will never marry.
- F. ...t will keep the doctor away.
- G. ...your wish will come true.
- H. ...you will know how many children you will have.
- I. ...you will soon have a visitor.
- J. ...you will break your mother's back.
- K. ...you will never see each other again.
- L. ...you will take a trip soon.

B. Write three superstitions from your own culture. Try to write them as first conditional sentences. Ex. *If you do....., this will happen.*

1. _____
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2. _____
- _____
3. _____
- _____

First Conditional – Survey

Directions: Work in small groups. Complete the chart below by asking your classmates the following questions. Answer using the first condition.

1. If you go to a restaurant this weekend, what will you order?
2. If the teacher gives a lot of homework tonight, will you have time to finish it?
3. If the weather is beautiful on the weekend, what will you do?
4. If you catch a bad cold this week, what will you take for it?
5. If you go to a movie this weekend, what will you see?
6. If you watch TV tonight, what will you watch?
7. If you take a trip soon, where will you go?
8. If you buy a new coat, what color will you buy?
9. If you have dessert tonight, what will you have?
10. If you visit a friend this week, who will it be?

| Questions | Classmate #1 | Classmate #2 | Classmate #3 | Classmate #4 |
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| 1. ...what will you order? | | | | |
| 2. ...will you have time to finish the homework? | | | | |
| 3. ...what will you do? | | | | |
| 4. ...what will you take? | | | | |
| 5. ...what will you see? | | | | |
| 6. ...what will you watch? | | | | |
| 7. ...where will you go? | | | | |
| 8. ...what color coat will you buy? | | | | |
| 9. ...what will you eat for dessert? | | | | |
| 10. ...who will you visit? | | | | |

First Conditional Sentences with *May* and *Might*

What might happen?

Directions: Complete the following sentences using *may* or *might*.

Ex. *If it's hot tomorrow, I may go to the beach. If I have enough money, I might buy a new car next month.*

1. If I still feel sick tomorrow, _____
2. If I don't get an e-mail from my friend today, _____
3. If I am late for work again, _____
4. If you drive over the speed limit, _____
5. If you sing the baby a lullaby, _____
6. If I miss the bus, _____
7. If we're tired, _____
8. If that dress goes on sale, _____
9. If it's cold tomorrow, _____
10. If he doesn't do the homework, _____

First Conditional with the Imperative

Directions: Complete the following sentences with an imperative.

Ex. *If the phone rings, please answer it.*

1. If the pizza delivery boy arrives, _____.
2. If the boss asks for me, _____.
3. If the fire alarm rings, _____.
4. If the baby is hungry, _____.
5. If my boyfriend calls, _____.

First Conditional – Sentence Strips (page 1 of 2)**TEACHER'S PAGE**

Instructions: Cut the following *if* and *main* clauses into strips and give one clause to each student. Have the students memorize their clause and then search the room for the matching clause.

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| If I set my alarm, | ... I won't sleep in. |
| If she gains more weight, | ... she'll go on a diet. |
| If they aren't more careful, | ... they'll have an accident |
| If they have a baby girl, | ... they will name her Maria. |
| If the police catch the robber, | ... they will take him to jail. |
| If he has a toothache, | ... he'll go to the dentist |
| If I have a headache, | ... I'll take some aspirin. |
| If he starts to lose his hair, | ... he'll buy a wig. |
| If our electricity goes off, | ... we'll light some candles. |
| If my car isn't fixed, | ...I'll have to take the bus. |

First Conditional – Sentence Strips *(continued page 2 of 2)*

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| If you don't wear a coat, | ... you might catch a cold. |
| If there isn't any snow, | ... we won't be able to go skiing. |
| If he's late for work again, | ... his boss will fire him. |
| If we don't hurry, | ... we'll miss our bus. |
| If they don't have enough money for the car, | ... they'll borrow some from the bank |
| If you don't pay attention in class, | ... you won't understand the lesson. |
| If the floor is wet, | ... you might slip. |
| If you aren't satisfied with your purchase, | ... the store will give you your money back. |
| If I send the parcel by airmail, | ... it will arrive much faster. |
| If my car isn't fixed, | ...I'll have to take the bus. |

Answers

Page 1 – Verb Tenses

1. b 2. a 3. b 4. c 5. a 6. c 7. a 8. c

Page 2 – Verb Tenses

1. goes/ will sleep in 2. sleeps in/ will miss 3. misses/ will be 4. is/ will be 5. is/ will fire 6. lose/ will get
7. gets/ will break up 8. breaks up/ will be 9. feels/ will call 10. calls/ will ask 11. goes/ will drink 12. drinks/ will need
13. needs/ will have to 14. stays/ will get 15. gets/ will go

Page 2 – Matching & Sentence completion

Ex. A. 1. H 2. G 3. I 4. E 5. J 6. B 7. F 8. C 9. D 10. A

Ex. B (Answers will vary.) Sample answers.

1. If you don't water the plants, they will die.
2. If you wash your wool clothes in hot water, they will shrink.
3. If you eat too many sweets, you will get a stomach ache.
4. If you don't wear sunscreen, you will get a sunburn.
5. I will read you a bedtime story if you get into your pajamas quickly.
6. You will be punished if you behave badly.
7. If you drive too fast, you will get a speeding ticket.
8. You'll be tired in the morning if you stay up late again.

Page 3 - Negatives

1. won't play / rains 2. will let / don't make 3. don't hurry/ will miss 4. won't sting/ don't move 5. don't speak/ will hear 6. will be/
don't take 7. isn't / won't go 8. don't take/ will get 9. won't pass/ don't study 10. doesn't find/ won't marry 11. won't forgive/don't
say 12. won't lend/ don't have 13. don't clean/ won't let 14. don't quit/ will get 15. won't be able/ watch 16. don't set/ won't wake
17. won't improve/ don't practice

Page 4 – Scrambled Sentences and Sentence Completion

Ex. A.

1. We will cancel the game if the weather is bad.
2. She will take the bus if her car doesn't start.
3. I will come to your party if I am not busy.
4. I will take an umbrella if it rains.
5. The milk will go sour if you don't put it in the fridge.

Ex. B (Answers will vary) Sample answers.

1. listen/ will know 2. need/ will call 3. is/ will miss 4. is/ will cancel 5. will send/ give 6. will cook/ catch

Page 5 – Superstitions

Ex. A

1. J 2. D 3. L 4. G 5. A 6. E 7. I 8. K 9. C 10. B 11. F 12. H

Answer Key (continued)

Page 5 - Superstitions continued

Ex. B (Answers will vary) Sample answers.

If a black cat crosses your path, you will have bad luck.

If you find a four leaf clover, you will have good luck.

If you walk under a ladder, you will have bad luck.

Page 6. Survey (Answers will vary)**Page 7. May and Might**

(Answers will vary) Sample answers

1. If I feel sick tomorrow, I may stay home from work.
2. If I don't get an e-mail from my friend today, I might give her a call.
3. If I am late for work again, the boss might fire me.
4. If you drive over the speed limit, you might get a ticket.
5. If you sing the baby a lullaby, she may fall asleep.
6. If I miss the bus, I might be late for work.
7. If we're tired, we may stay home tonight.
8. If that dress goes on sale, I may buy it.
9. If it's cold tomorrow, I might wear my new winter coat.
10. If he doesn't do his homework, he might get in trouble.

Page 7. Conditional with the Imperative

(Answers will vary) Sample answers.

1. If the pizza delivery boy arrives, please pay him.
2. If the boss asks for me, tell him I'll be back in a few minutes.
3. If the fire alarm rings, leave the building quickly.
4. If the baby is hungry, feed him.
5. If my boyfriend calls, tell him I'll be home soon.

Page 8 & 9 – Sentence Strips