

## First Conditional



### 1. Read the conversation and answer the questions below.

**Caleb:** Hey Michelle, how are you today?

**Michelle:** Hi Caleb, I'm ok, but I'm a little bit stressed.

**Caleb:** That's not good. Why are you stressed?

**Michelle:** I am moving to a new house today, and I need to move all of my furniture to my new house in one day. If I can finish everything today, I will be so happy, but I don't think I have enough time!

**Caleb:** I hate moving house, it's so stressful! What will happen if you don't finish moving today?

**Michelle:** If I don't finish moving today, my landlord will be very angry. He says the apartment needs to be clean and empty by tomorrow!

**Caleb:** Ok.... Well I'm not working today. If you buy me a 6 pack of beer, I will come over and help you move the furniture and clean the house.

**Michelle:** Really?? Thank you so much Caleb.



- a) Why is Michelle stressed?
- b) What will happen if she doesn't finish moving house today?
- c) What will Michelle do if Caleb helps her move house?

First conditional is used to discuss future possibilities.

Eg. *If I don't eat breakfast, I will be hungry later.*

The structure is if + (present simple) , will + (base form).

A conditional sentence always has two halves. The "if" half shows the possibility (eg. "If I study a lot....") and the "will" half shows the result (eg. "I will pass my test"). The order of these two halves can be reversed. This does not change the meaning.

Eg. *"If I study hard, I will pass my test"* is the same as *"I will pass my test if I study hard"*



### 2. Read the conversation in exercise 1 again and find 4 examples of first conditional.

| If + present simple          | Will + base form         |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| If I walk to work,           | I will be late           |
| If I don't answer his email, | my boss will be angry    |
| If I visit my family,        | I'll bring them gifts    |
| If I buy a car,              | I will not catch the bus |
| If I clean the dishes        | will you cook dinner?    |
| If you work hard,            | you can do anything      |

Note: Will can be replaced with modal verbs such as "can" or "should"

Eg. "If I work hard today, I can rest tomorrow." or "I should tell my boss if I find a mistake"



### 3. Match the pairs together.

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|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| a) If you don't brush your teeth,         | (1) if you come to my party.               |
| b) He'll wash the dishes                  | (2) your dentist will be expensive.        |
| c) If you study engineering,              | (3) if you talk about politics at dinner.  |
| d) I think you'll have a good time        | (4) your relationship won't be a good one. |
| e) If you catch bus 24,                   | (5) if you cook for him.                   |
| f) If you order in November,              | (6) it will be here by Christmas.          |
| g) My parents won't like you              | (7) you'll get there by 3:30.              |
| h) If you keep secrets from your partner, | (8) you won't have a lot of free time.     |



### 4. Ask and answer these questions with your partner. Try to use first conditional in your answer.

- What will you do if it rains on the weekend?
- If there is no food in your house when you get home tonight, what will you do?
- Who will you call if you lose your keys and can't get into your house?
- Will you be surprised if your country wins the next world cup?
- What will do you if a stranger gives you flowers?
- If you go to the supermarket today, what will you buy?



## 5. Complete the conversation below using the verbs in brackets.

### Conversation 1

*Daniel:* Me and my girlfriend are going to have a holiday next week, she wants to go to Italy, but I want to go to Croatia.

*Jake:* What ..... you ..... (do) if you ..... (go) to Italy?

*Daniel:* Well if we ..... (go) to Italy, she ..... (go) clothes shopping, and I ..... (eat) a lot of pizza and pasta.

*Jake:* That doesn't sound bad at all. Don't you love pizza?

*Daniel:* I do love pizza, but if I ..... (eat) too much pizza, I ..... (get) fat!

*Jake:* So you're afraid that when you come back, she ..... (look) great and you ..... (not/look) good?

*Daniel:* Exactly.

### Conversation 2

*Charlie:* Hi Lisa, my computer isn't working, can you help me with it?

*Lisa:* I'm sorry Charlie but I'm too busy! My boss ..... (fire) me if I ..... (not/send) this report today!

*Charlie:* Oh I'm sorry, I didn't know you are so busy! If I ..... (help) you with your report, ..... you ..... (fix) my computer?

*Lisa:* Sure, I ..... (fix) it if I ..... (can).

*Charlie:* Great, and if your boss ..... (get) angry, you ..... (can) blame me!

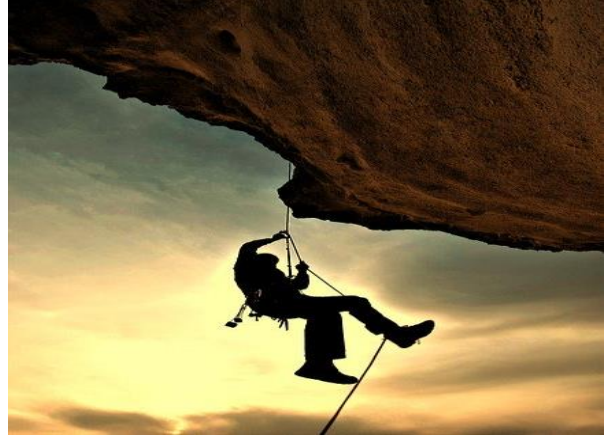
## 6. Caleb is helping Michelle move. Listen to their conversation and answer the questions.

- How long does Michelle think the move will take?
- What will happen if Michelle and Caleb damage the moving truck?
- Why does Michelle think it is a bad idea to start by packing the small things into the truck?
- What idea does Caleb have to keep the wine glasses safe?
- Will Caleb get to drive the truck?
- Why does Caleb want to finish helping Michelle move house by 5pm?





7. Look at the pictures below and make your own first conditional sentences.



E.g. *If she runs fast, she will win the race*

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