

Intermediate

If I have enough money, I'll buy some new shoes. I might even buy two pairs unless they're really expensive.

Examples

If my children get good grades, I'll take them to the zoo.
If I take them to the zoo, we're going to see a lot of animals there.
When we see all the animals, my children will be very happy.
And if they are happy, they might be even more motivated to study.

Forms

First Conditional to talk about the future results of real or likely situations in the present and future.

<i>If + present tense, Future Simple</i>	<i>If I do all my work on time, I'll spend some time with my family. If you have revised, you'll have no problems with the exam.</i>
<i>If + present tense, modal verb + infinitive</i>	<i>If he apologises, I might forgive him.</i>

Alternatives to *If*

something will definitely happen at a specific time	When/as soon as/after/before	After I finish my homework, I'll have lunch. I'll look at the files before I go to bed. I'll call you when I get home. We'll announce the results as soon as they become available.
We are prepared for something that might happen	In case	I'll take an umbrella in case it rains.
"If not" or "only if"	Unless	Unless we do it now, it'll be too late. (= <i>If we don't do it now, it'll be too late.</i>) I won't comment on your work unless you ask me to. (= <i>I will only comment on your work if you ask me.</i>)

before

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when / as soon as

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- 1 I must write the date in my diary _____ |  I forget it.
- 2 Let's wait under the tree _____ |  it stops raining.
- 3 This job is very urgent so please do it _____ |  you come back home.
- 4 We won't get a table in the restaurant _____ |  we don't book.
- 5 I'll pay you back _____ |  I get my first salary.
- 6 I can't go _____ |  you pay for my ticket. I'm broke.
- 7 They'll be really happy _____ |  they hear your news.
- 8 I must go to work _____ |  I'm 60. Then I'll retire.
- 9 I must renew my passport _____ |  I go to New York.
- 10 _____ |  you work harder, you won't pass the final exam.

Complete with the *present simple* or *will*. Then choose the sentences that are true for you and explain why

- 1 I shouldn't forget to buy some food before I  cooking.
- 2 I'm going to bed when the movie .
- 3 My friends  married until they find a place to live.
- 4 If I see my neighbour, I  him to give me my money back.
- 5 I'll call my family as soon as this lesson .
- 6 I won't be able to park unless I  to the movies earlier.
- 7 As soon as it stops raining, I  out.

Fill in the gaps using the Present Simple or will + infinitive

- 1 You **be** late unless you **leave** now.
- 2 We **stay** here until she **come** .
- 3 I **tell** him when/after I **get** back from lunch.
- 4 I think it **be** better if you **wait** until Friday.
- 5 I **not / accept** it unless he **give** a good reason.
- 6 If you **not / hurry** , we **be** late!
- 7 If you **stay** awake all night, you **be** very tired tomorrow.
- 8 Alan **not / win** the lottery if he **not / buy** a ticket.
- 9 If you **eat** too much chocolate, you **become** fat.

