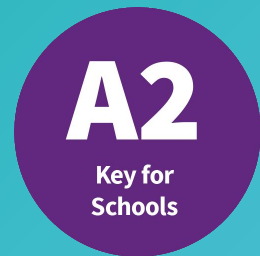


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Unit 9 – first conditional

There are many types of conditional *if* structures, but let's start with the first conditional.

Let's look at:

1. When we use the first conditional.
2. How we make a sentence in the first conditional.



When do we use it?

Function: the first conditional



There is a big concert in the main square this evening. Are you going?

If it rains, we won't go out and we'll watch it on TV.

It's a possible situation.

Look at the first half of what the boy says: **'If I feel better, ...'**

Is he sure he will feel better in the future or is it a possibility?

Future.

Look at what the boy says: **'If I feel better, I will go.'** Is he talking about the past, present or future?



It depends. **If I feel better, I will go.** What about you and your family?



Now look at the full sentence: **'If I feel better, I will go.'**

There are two clauses (parts) of the sentence. Which is the consequence and which is the conditional/situation clause?

If I feel better, I will go.
_____ _____
conditional consequence

Function: the first conditional

To talk about possible future situations and consequences.



If it rains, we won't go out and we'll watch it on TV.

It depends. If I feel better, I will go. What about you and your family?



There are two parts to a first conditional sentence:

1. The *if* clause: the conditional/situation clause.
2. The consequence clause.

clause 1

If I feel better,

conditional *if*

clause 2

I will go.

consequence

How do we make sentences in the first conditional?

Form: the first conditional



If it rains, we won't go out.

It depends. **If I feel better, I will go.** What about you and your family?



clause 1: <i>If</i> conditional	clause 2: consequence
<i>If</i> + present tense	<i>will/won't</i> + infinitive
If I feel better,	I will go.
If it rains,	we won't go out.
If it rains,	we will watch it on TV.

Look at the two highlighted examples and fill in the missing words in the boxes.



Won't is a contraction of two words. What are they?

will not

What is the contraction of *will*?

'll

Form: the first conditional



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If it rains,	We'll watch it on TV.

You can change the order of the clauses, but if the consequence clause is first, you don't use a comma. Look:
I will go if I feel better.
We won't go out if it rains.



We can use the contractions of *will*:
 1. positive: *will* = 'll
 2. negative: *will not* = *won't*

Let's practise!

Practice activities

Use the correct form of the verbs in brackets to complete the gaps.

1. If you.....**come**.....(come) to the cinema with me tonight, I.....**will/'ll pay**.....(pay) for the tickets.
2. Steve.....**will/'ll write**.....(write) you an email next week if we.....**decide**.....(decide) to visit you.
3. Jenny.....**will not/won't be**.....(not be) happy if you.....**do not/don't invite**.....(not invite) her to the party.
4. If Chris.....**sees**.....(see) you, he.....**will/'ll want**.....(want) to know why you are here.
5. If we.....**leave**.....(leave) late, I.....**will/'ll call**.....(call) to tell you.
6. Francesca.....**will not/won't recognise**.....(not recognise) you if you.....**wear**.....(wear) that hat.