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.

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...

1. If you eat too much candy ________
2. If you don’t study ________
3. You will have bad dreams ________
4. If you eat lots of vegetables ________
5. You will burn yourself ________
6. If you are late for school ________
7. If you practice the piano every night ________
8. If you don’t finish your dinner ________
9. If you behave nicely ________
10. I will pay you ten dollars ________

a) if you baby sit your little sister tonight.
b) the teacher will keep you in after class.
c) I won’t let you have any dessert.
d) I will buy you a treat.
e) you will be healthy.
f) you will play beautifully.
g) you will fail your exam.
h) your teeth will hurt.
i) if you watch a scary movie before bed.
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 __________________________ careful, 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.
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, ___________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________________________________
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. ____________________________________________________________________________________________
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?

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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, __________________________.*

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**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.

- **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)

| 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. 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

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