

C1.1 – Conditionals, true in present and future

Lesson 1/3

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If you study hard, you will be successful!

Which statements are *always* true?

Which statements are true for you *now*?

If you exercise, you will be healthy.

If you study, you will pass your exams.

If you freeze water, it will turn to ice.

If you work too much, you will get tired.



If...

If we take the bus...

we will arrive at the cinema on time.

If you are busy now...

we can meet tomorrow.

If you need some money...

I can give you some.



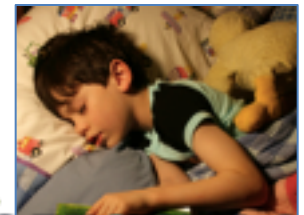
If he fails the exam...

his parents will be angry.



If they are tired...

they should go to bed.



Clauses

This sentence has two clauses:

<i>if</i> -clause	result clause
If you do this,	this will happen.

A *clause* is a group of words that has a *subject* and a *verb*.

An *action* is something you do and the result comes from the action.

action	=	result
I worked too hard	=	I got tired
You ate bad food	=	You got sick
You didn't water your garden.	=	Your plants died.

Talking about the present or future

We use an *if-clause* and *result clause* to make a prediction about the future:

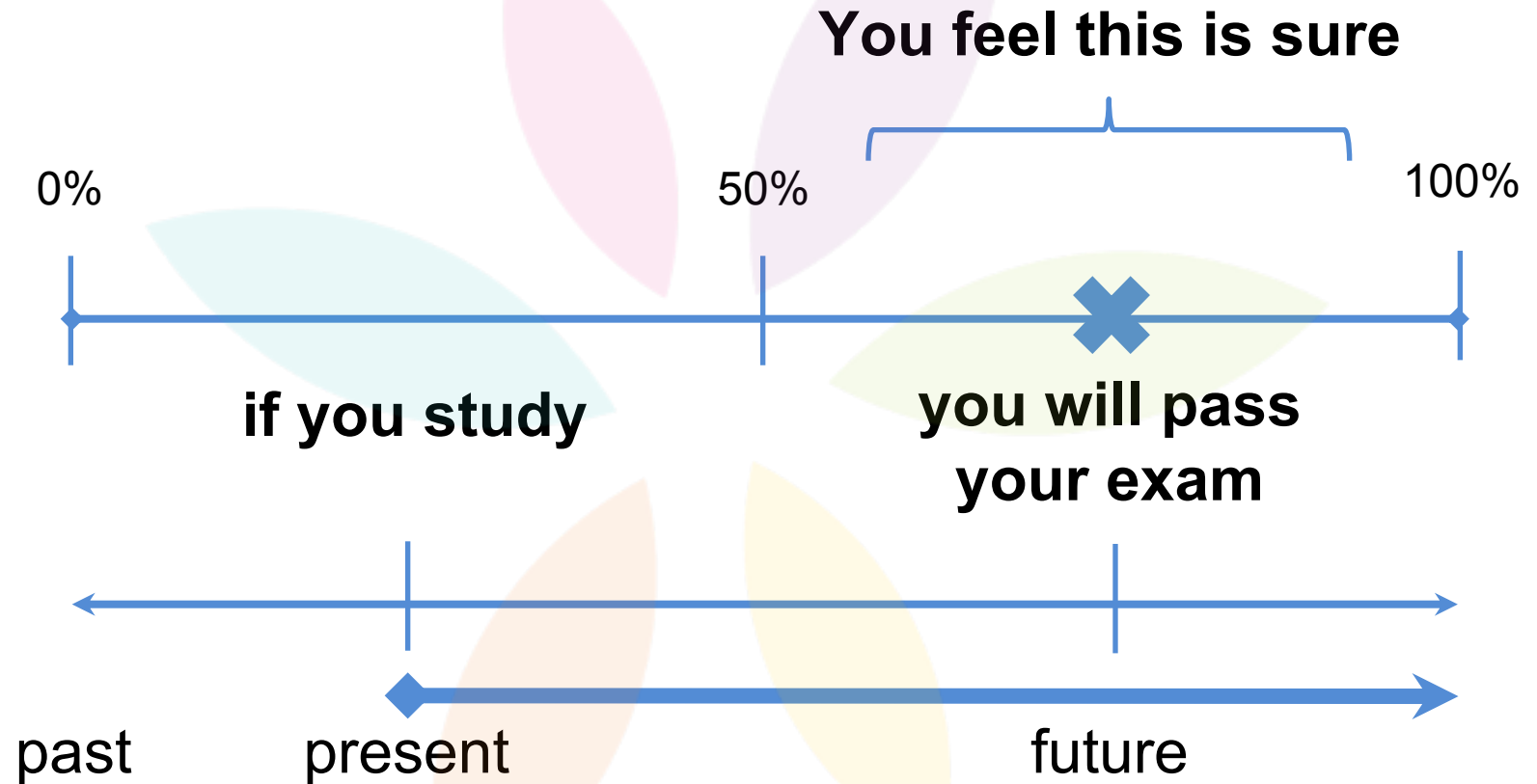
If we save lots of money,
we will take a vacation.

If I have time, I will call
you tonight.

If + present simple, will

if-clause		result clause
if	present simple,	will
If he takes the plane at 6pm,		he will arrive home at 9:30pm.

True in present and future



Complete these sentences

Use *if* + present simple, *will*...

1. If you _____ something now, you _____.
(eat / feel better)
2. If we _____ tomorrow, I _____ you my holiday photos
(meet / show)



Complete these sentences

Use *if* + present simple, *will*...

3. If it _____ tonight, we _____ inside and play computer games (rain / stay)
4. If Katie _____ before 5pm, we _____ to a sushi restaurant together. (arrive / go)



the negative form

Naturally, we can use a *negative form* of a verb in the *if-clause* and the *result clause*:

if-clause		result clause
if	present simple,	will/won't
If he <i>doesn't take</i> the plane at 6pm,		he won't arrive tonight.
If he <i>takes</i> the plane at 6pm,		he won't be late.
If he <i>doesn't take</i> the plane at 6pm,		he will need to get the 8pm flight.

What is Sally thinking?

Which conditional can you make that is *the most logical*?

If I get this bus,

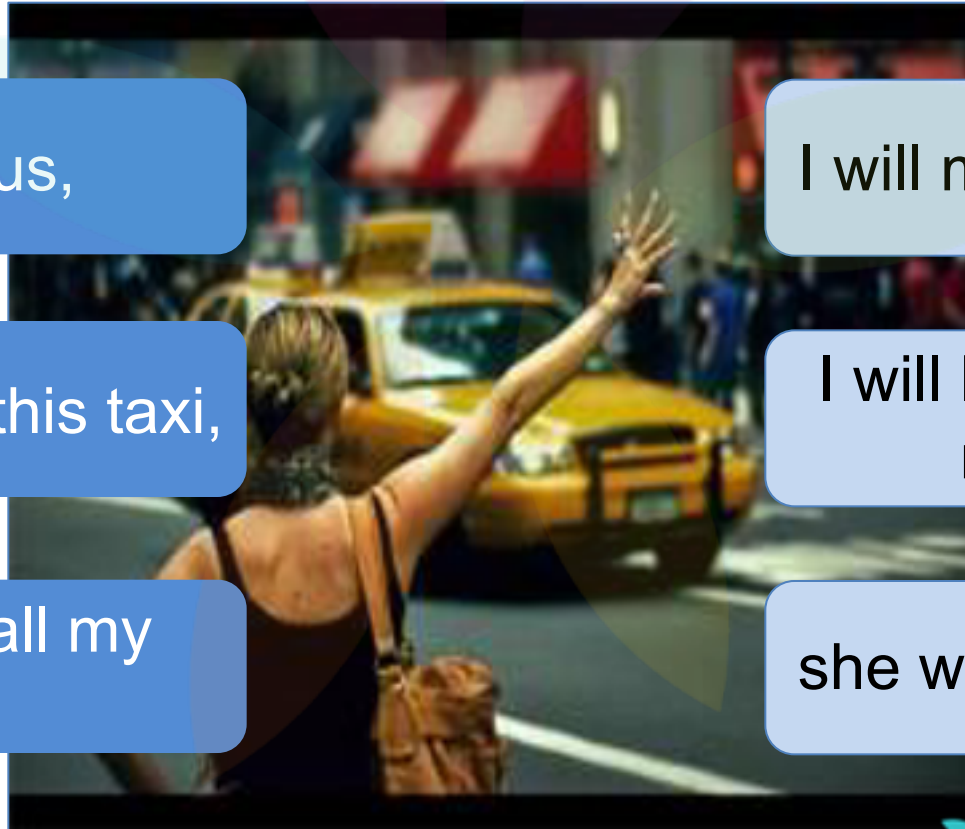
I will miss my plane!

If I don't get this taxi,

I will be late for my meeting.

If I don't call my mom,

she won't be happy.



do or don't... will or won't?

If you don't eat fruit
and vegetables,

the company will cut
it off.

If you fight with your
brother,

your mom will get
angry.

If she doesn't pay
her phone bill,

you won't get
enough vitamins.

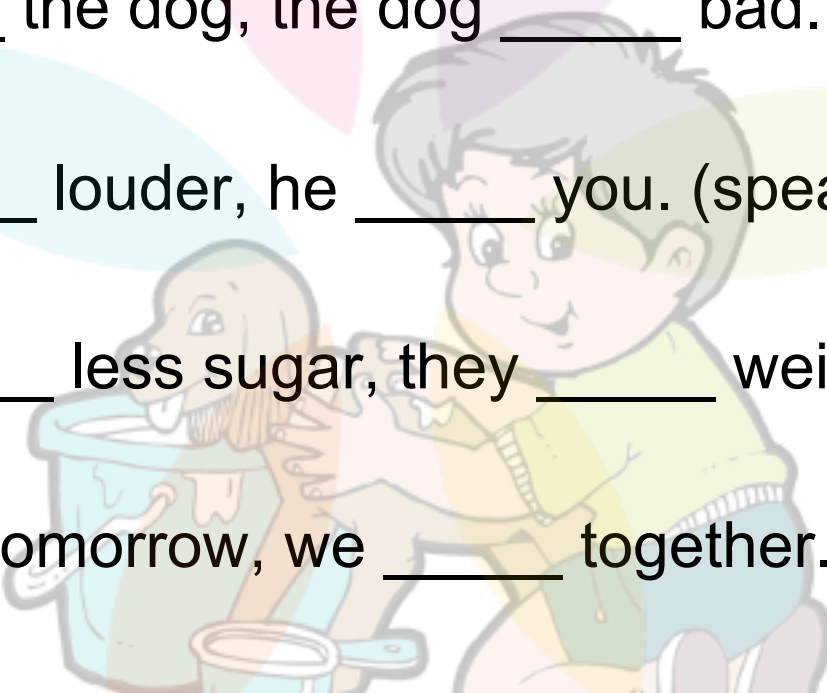
If we don't hurry up,

we won't catch the
7pm flight to
Moscow.



Make sentences

Make two sentences for each example:

5. If he _____ the dog, the dog _____ bad. (wash / smell)
6. If you _____ louder, he _____ you. (speak / hear)
7. If they _____ less sugar, they _____ weight. (eat / lose)
8. If it _____ tomorrow, we _____ together. (snow / go skiing)
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Your turn! Think of suitable answers

9. If you don't do your homework regularly,

_____.

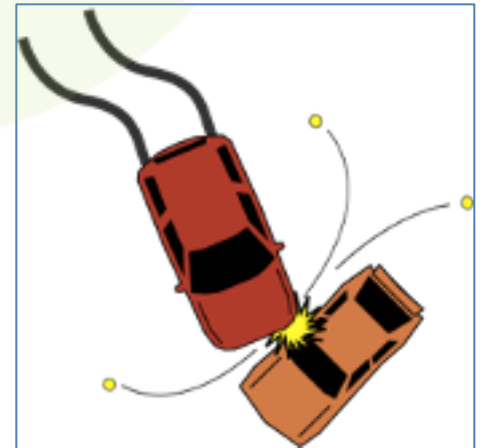
10. If you don't clean your house,

_____.

11. If you speak more clearly, _____.

12. If you don't stop smoking, _____.

13. If you don't drive carefully, _____.



You can change the order of clauses!

<i>if</i> -clause	result clause	result clause	<i>if</i> -clause
If you don't come to the party,	I will be disappointed.	I will be disappointed	if you don't come to the party.

In written English, when you start with an *if*-clause, you must write a comma after it:

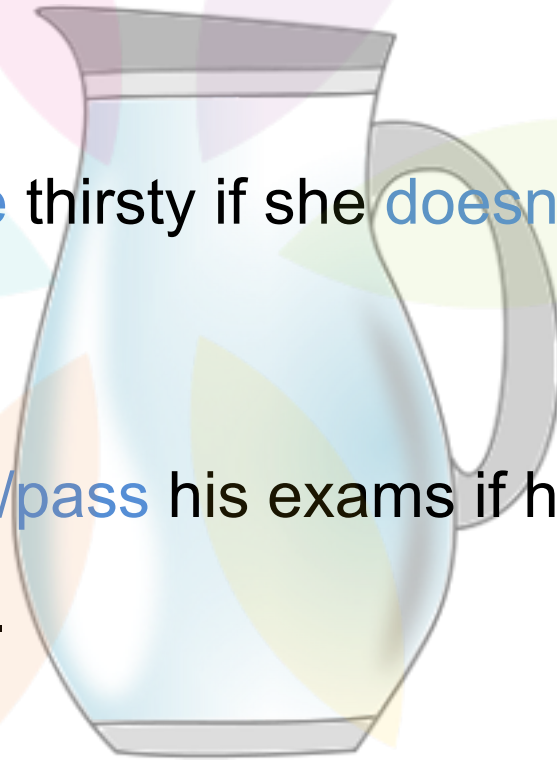
If you have time, we will eat together tonight.

We will eat together tonight if you have time.

but no comma when the *if*-clause comes after the result clause!

Which is correct?

14. If you **don't eat/will eat** tonight, you **won't be/will be** hungry.
15. She **will be/won't be** thirsty if she **doesn't drink/won't drink** any water.
16. Anthony **won't pass/pass** his exams if he **won't study/doesn't study**.
17. If Zac and Jenna **will save/don't save** more money, they **won't be able to/are able to** buy a car.



Make a conditional sentence

18. if / Sergei / to our party / doesn't
come / will get / I / angry
19. it / is sunny / if / I / tomorrow / to
the beach / will go
20. you come / at 5pm / if / will be /
ready / I
21. we / are tired / tonight / if / will go
/ we / early / to bed



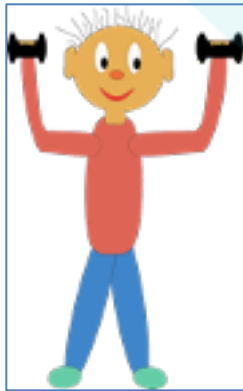
Correct?

22. If you **eat** too much fast food, you **won't** gain weight.
23. If it **doesn't rain** tonight, we **will go** for a walk in the park.
24. If you **turn down** that music, I **will get** angry!
25. If Ivan **calls** us in five minutes, we **will leave** without him.



Your turn! Add the result clause!

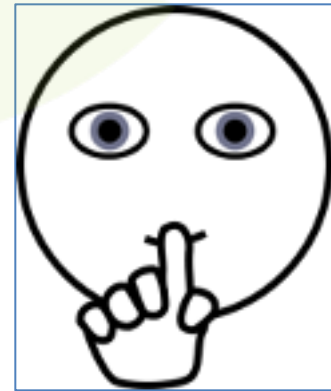
If I don't do
any
exercise...



If we don't
hurry up...



If you aren't
quiet...



If I learn
English
well...

If we don't
get a taxi
now...

If I don't
study...

Now, add the *if*-clause!

...your dad
will get
angry.



...we won't
get to the
lesson on
time.



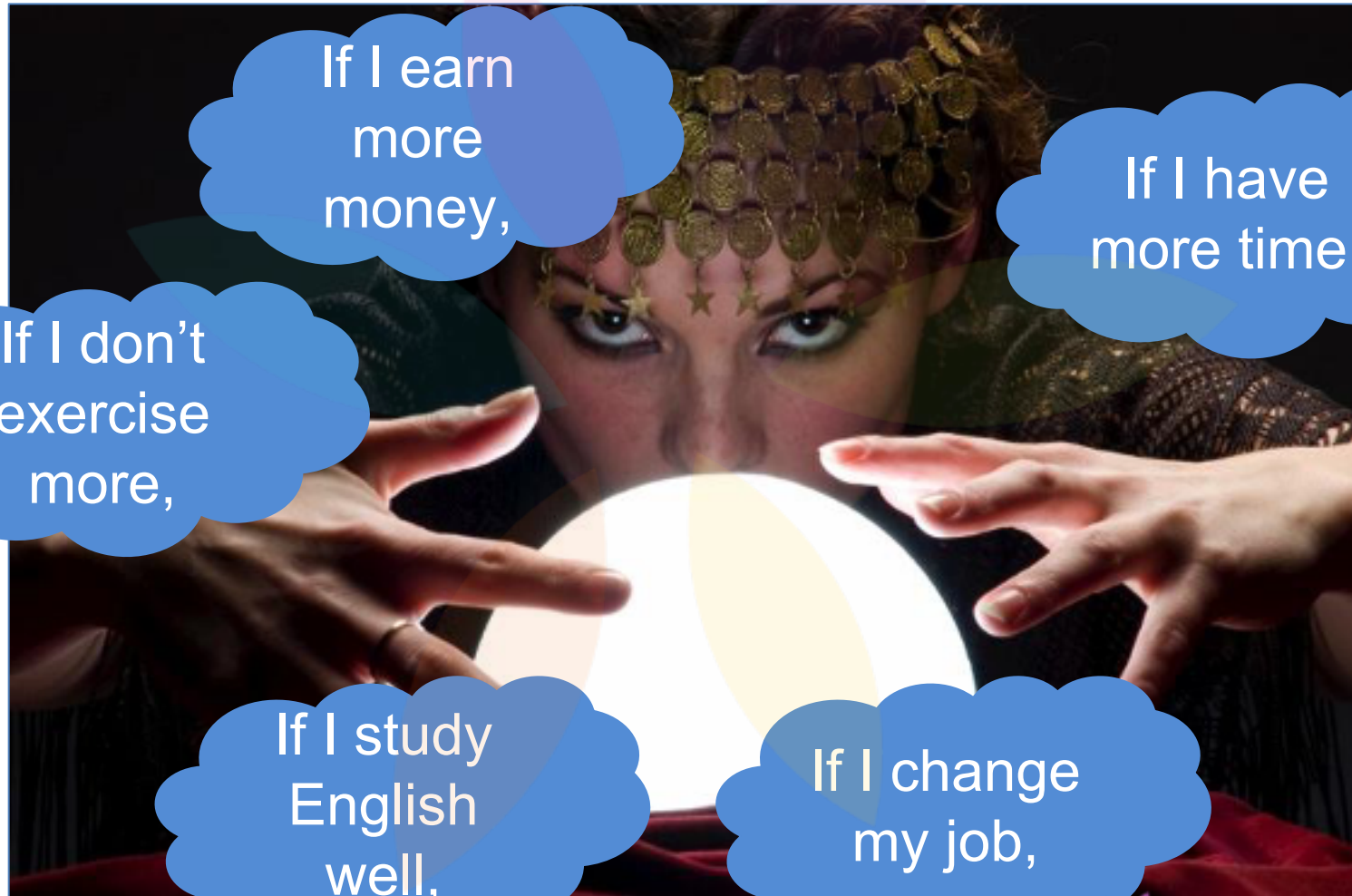
...Eren won't
finish his
homework.



...you will
get sick.

...Lilly will
be very
tired.

Make predictions about the future



If I earn
more
money,

If I have
more time,

If I don't
exercise
more,

If I study
English
well,

If I change
my job,

1st conditional

In English, we call these sentences the 1st conditional.

1st
conditional



- it expresses a *true or probable* idea in the *present* or *future*.
- *The speaker* thinks this will happen now or in the future.

If



present
simple



will



verb1

Make 1st conditional sentences

26. Your friend Jeremy drinks too much pop. *Jeremy, if you...*
27. Your sister's room is very messy. You know that your dad doesn't like this.
28. You are in the lunch room with your friend. It is 11:58am. Your meeting starts at 12pm.
29. Your sister is sad. She never goes anywhere with her friends.

Make 1st conditional sentences

Use the following words:

buy a ticket

hurry

study

have time

rain

miss the ferry

go to a café

go to the concert

go to the park

pass an exam



What will you do?

- 29. If it rains tomorrow, what will you do?
- 30. If it is cold tomorrow, what will you wear?
- 31. If it is hot tomorrow, what will you wear?



What will you do?

- 32. If you have some free time tomorrow, what will you do?
- 33. If you find \$50 dollars in the street tomorrow, what will you do?
- 34. If you don't have a lesson tomorrow, what will you do?



Correct or incorrect?

The *if-clause* is correct. Is the result clause correct or incorrect?

35. If George doesn't stop talking, the teacher doesn't yell at him!
36. We won't miss the bus if you don't hurry up.
37. If we don't take better care of our planet, we will destroy the environment.
38. We don't run out of gas if we don't stop at a gas station.

Make 1st conditional statements about the future

A



B



C



D

