

B1. UNIT 4. – FIRST AND SECOND CONDITIONAL

Grammar:

- First Conditional. Talk about possible situations in the future.
- Second conditional. Talk about imaginary situations in the present and future.
- Comparative and superlative.



4.1. Grammar. First conditional.

USE IF + PRESENT SIMPLE

Imperative for instructions or giving advice.

Example:

- If you hear the fire alarm, leave your classroom by the nearest exit.
- If you hear the fire alarm [if clause], leave your classroom [main clause].

Unless → if not

Example:

Do not re-enter the school if your teacher doesn't say it's safe	→	Don't re-enter the school unless your teacher says it's safe.
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Use if + present simple to talk about a possible future action.

Use will/ won't in the main clause to talk about the result of that action.

Example:

- If we go this way [if clause], we'll get to the campsite [main clause].

If or when?

When + future action → certain future action

If + future action → possible future action

*After **if**, we use the present (**not will**). We say “I you see

Example:

- If you see Laura tomorrow, can you ask her to call me?

4.2. Select the correct answer.

Example:

If you leave a message with your number, I'll call you back.

1. If you _____ it to me now, I _____ your mum!
 am not give 'll tell
 don't give tell
2. I _____ you five dollars if you _____ me.
 paid help
 'll pay helped
3. When he _____, I _____ you're busy.
 phones say
 phone 'll say





4. You _____ your exams if you _____ harder.
- am not pass don't work
- won't pass doesn't work
5. If you _____ now, you _____ the train.
- go catch
- went 'll catch
6. When the police _____, they _____ you some questions.
- arrive ask
- is arriving 'll ask
7. What _____ if she _____ from Jacob?
- will Jane do don't hear
- did Jane do doesn't hear





4.3. Write the correct answer.

If	When
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1. _____ I don't see you before I leave, I'll call you after my holiday.
2. We're coming down on Christmas Day so we'll see you _____ we arrive.
3. _____ my son passes all his exams, he'll go to university.
4. I'll let you know _____ dinner is ready.
5. We'll see you on Tuesday _____ we don't see you before.
6. _____ you run, you'll probably catch the train.
7. Let's talk about this again _____ you get back from your holiday.
8. _____ you help me, I'll help you.





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1. If _____ late tonight, don't wait for me.
 I'm
 I'll

2. Will you write to me if _____ you my address?
 I give
 I'll give

3. If _____ a fire, the alarm will ring.
 there is
 will be

4. If I don't see you tomorrow morning, _____ you in the afternoon.
 I call
 I'll call

5. _____ surprised if Mark and Julia _____ married.
 I'm get
 I'll be will get

6. _____ to the party if _____ you?
 Do you go they invite
 Will you go they'll invite



4.5. Grammar. Second conditional.

The second conditional uses the past simple after **if**, followed by '**would**' and the **infinitive**.

Structure:

If	+	Subject	+	Past simple	,	Subject	+	Would	+	Infinitive
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Examples:

- If I had a big house, I would organize a party with all my friends.
- If I was taller, I would not need high heels*.

* In the second example, we can use 'were' instead of 'was' with 'I' and 'he/she/it' but it is considered more formal.

When do we use the second conditional?

1. To talk about things in the future that are probably not going to happen.

Examples:

- If I **won** the lottery, I **would buy** a car. (I probably won't win the lottery)
- If I **met** Cristiano Ronaldo, I would be very nervous.
- She **would have** more money if she **didn't buy** new clothes every day.

2. To talk about something in the present that is not possible.

Examples:

- If I **had** money, I would buy a plane ticket right now.



- If I **were** Leo Messi, I would be very happy.



4.6. Select the correct answer.

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2. I have a car. I couldn't travel much if I _____ a car.
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3. I don't want to go out. If I _____ to go out, I'd go.
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4. We don't have a key. If we _____ a key, we could get into the house.
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5. Sue enjoys her work. She wouldn't do it if she _____ it.
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6. You can't drive. If you _____ drive, I would lend you my car.
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7. He speaks too fast. I could understand him better if he _____ more slowly.
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8. I have a lot to do today. If I _____ so much to do, we could go out.
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4.7. Fill in the blank space with the correct answer.

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the air would be cleaner	I would watch it
we bought a bigger house	we had some pictures on the wall
it were a little cheaper	I would be bored

1. I'd buy a jacket if _____.
2. If there was a good film on TV tonight, _____.
3. This room would be nicer if _____.
4. If there weren't so much traffic, _____.
5. Life would be boring if _____.
6. If I had nothing to do, _____.
7. We could invite all our friends to stay if _____.
8. If we had more money, _____.



4.8. Grammar. Comparative and superlative.

Comparative adjectives

Comparative adjectives are used to compare differences between two objects (larger, smaller, faster, bigger).

Structure:

Subject	+	Verb	+	Comparative adjective	+	than	+	Object
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Examples:

- He is taller than me.
- The yellow house is nicer than the blue house.

Superlative adjectives

They are used to describe something that has the highest or lowest quality of something (the biggest, the smallest).

Structure:

Subject	+	Verb	+	the	+	Superlative adjective	+	Object
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Examples:

- My school is the best one in town.
- My friend Marta is the tallest girl of the class.

How to form comparative and superlative adjectives

Add *-er* for the comparative and *-est* for the superlative. If the adjective has a consonant + single vowel + consonant spelling, the final consonant must be doubled before adding the ending.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
Sad	Sadder	Saddest
Fat	Fatter	Fattest

Two syllables

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
Happy	Happier	Happiest*
Simple	Simpler	Simplest

*In this case *-y* is changed with an *-i*.

Three or more syllables

We add *more* before the adjective

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
Extraordinary	More extraordinary	Most extraordinary
Expensive	More expensive	Most expensive

Some irregular comparatives and superlatives

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
Good	Better	Best
Much	More	Most
Bad	Worse	Worst
Far	Further/farther	Furthest/farthest





4.9. Select the correct answer.

more	the most
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1. My dog's got a lot _____ energy than me!
2. Susie wears _____ jewellery in the class.
3. All my friends spend _____ money on clothes than me.
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5. Radio FM106 plays _____ pop music of all the stations.
6. Who has _____ brothers and sisters: Fatima or Alice?
7. Your team lost _____ games than mine.
8. Which person in your class watched _____ TV programmes last night?

4.10. Select the correct answer.

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2. I live _____ my parents in a nice apartment in Dublin, Ireland.
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4. My parents' names _____ Jamal and Nora.
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- brother
- brother's
6. We also have two cats: _____ names are Benny and Joe.
- his
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7. I have three _____.
- grandfathers
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CORRECT ANSWERS





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