

zero and first conditionals, future time clauses (with all present and future forms)

zero conditional



If you **want** to be fit, you **need to** do some exercise every day. (2 39))

If people **are wearing** headphones in the street, they often **don't notice** other people.

If you **haven't been** to New York, you **haven't lived**.

To talk about something which is always true or always happens as a result of something else, we use *if* + present simple, and the present simple in the other clause.

- You can also use the present continuous or present perfect in either clause.

first conditional

If the photos **are** good, I'll **send** them to you. (2 40))

If you're **not going** to Jason's party, I'm **not going to go** either.

If I **haven't come back** by 9.00, **start** dinner without me. I'll **have finished** in an hour **if** you **don't** disturb me.

To talk about something which will probably happen in the future, we use *if* + a present tense, and a future tense in the other clause.

- You can use any present form in the *if*-clause (present simple, continuous, or perfect) and any future form (*will*, *going to*, future perfect, future continuous) or an imperative in the other clause.

future time clauses

I'll be ready as **soon as** I've **had** a cup of coffee. (2 41))

Send me a message **when** your train's **coming into** the station.

I'm not going to buy the new model **until** the price **has gone down** a bit.

I'm not going to work overtime this weekend **unless** I **get** paid for it.

Take your umbrella **in case** it's **raining** when you leave work.

When you are talking about the future, use a present tense after these expressions: *as soon as*, *when*, *until*, *unless*, *before*, *after*, and *in case*. This can be any present form, e.g. present simple, present continuous, present perfect.

- We use *in case* when we do something in order to be ready for future situations / problems. Compare the use of *if* and *in case*:

I'll take an umbrella if it rains. = I won't take an umbrella if doesn't rain.

I'll take an umbrella in case it rains. = I'll take an umbrella anyway because it might rain.

a Circle the correct form.

Don't worry. Rob will have passed / *has passed* the exam if he's studied enough.

- If you're *not feeling* / *won't be feeling* better tomorrow, you should go to the doctor's.
- If we're lucky, we'll *have sold* / *'ve sold* our house by Christmas.
- I'll pay for dinner – if I *have* / *'ll have* enough money!
- If we carry on playing like this, we'll *have scored* / *have scored* ten goals by half time.
- Don't call Sophie now. If it's 8 o'clock, she'll *bath* / *'ll be bathing* the baby.
- If you don't hurry up, you *don't get* / *won't get* to school on time.
- You can be fined if you *aren't wearing* / *won't be wearing* a seat belt in your car.
- If you go out with wet hair, you'll *catch* / *'ll be catching* a cold.
- My suitcase *always gets* / *will always get* lost if I have a connecting flight.
- I *won't go* / *don't go* to work on Monday if my daughter is still ill.

b Complete the sentences with a time expression from the list. You have to use some words more than once.

after as soon as (x2) before if
in case (x2) unless (x2) until when

I'll call you *as soon as* my plane lands.

- I'm going to pack my suitcase _____ I go to bed.
- Do you want to borrow my satnav _____ you get lost?
- I'll be leaving work early tomorrow _____ my boss has a crisis.
- I'll be meeting an old friend _____ I'm in London next week.
- Don't worry. I'll call you _____ I open the letter with my exam results.
- _____ I'm late tomorrow, start the meeting without me.
- Lily will have packed some sandwiches _____ we get hungry.
- The children will be playing in the park _____ it gets dark.
- _____ we've had lunch we could go for a walk.
- Don't call the emergency number _____ it's a real emergency.