

Conditionals

In this grammar lesson students will study the zero and first conditional, alternatives to *if*: *unless*, *when*, *as soon as*, *on condition that*, *provided that* and *as long as*, the second conditional and the third conditional.

The grammar is reviewed on page 92. The *Language reference* section can be found on pages 140–141.

Zero and first conditional



Optional activity

Books closed. Draw two stick men on the board, with a speech bubble coming from each.

A: 'I want to drive.'

B: 'I don't want to drive.'

Ask students *Who needs a license – A or B? Who doesn't need a license?*

Now draw a third stick man on the board called C. Ask students *Does C need a license?*

In order to answer this question, students will probably try to express a conditional. Try to elicit one of these sentences: *If he wants to drive, he needs a license.* or *If he wants to drive, he'll need a license.*

Explain that this kind of sentence is called a conditional.

- 1 Point out that conditional sentences have two parts – the *if* clause and the *result* clause. Tell students to focus on the verb forms in bold before answering the questions.

ANSWERS

- 1 Present simple
- 2 Present simple or *will*
- 3 The zero conditional sentence is a general truth.
The first conditional sentence is a prediction about the future.
- 4 Yes

- 2 Look at the example together as a class before asking students to continue individually. Ask for volunteers to read out the full sentences to check answers.

ANSWERS

2a 3b 4e 5c

- 3 Look at the example. Identify the words which have been added. Ask students to continue the activity individually. Ask students to compare their answers in pairs but do not confirm them at this point.

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Play the audio, pausing after each sentence for students to check their answers to Exercise 3.

ANSWERS

- 2 If you don't take your litter home, you will be fined.
- 3 If you damage these premises, we will prosecute you.
- 4 If you leave your bike here, we will remove it.
- 5 If you dump rubbish here, you will be fined.
- 6 If you don't park in the designated spaces, we will take your car away.
- 7 If you trespass, we will prosecute you.

Tip

Ask students to read the tip. Ask them to look at the example in Exercise 3 and rewrite it using *unless*.

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Put students into pairs to rewrite the sentences in Exercise 2.

ANSWERS

- 2 I don't ask for directions unless I'm lost.
- 3 I feel tired the next day unless I sleep for seven hours.
- 4 You don't have to show your passport unless you cross international borders.
- 5 Water doesn't turn to ice unless you put it in the freezer.

If, when, as soon as

- 6 Point out that *when* and *as soon as* can be used in place of *if* but the meaning is slightly different. Do the matching exercise with the class.

ANSWERS

1c 2b 3a

Get it right



Tell students not to use *will* in the *if* clause – even when the meaning is in the future.