

Conditional Sentences

Conditional Sentences have two parts: - the *if-clause* and the *main Clause*

If it rains , / **I will stay at home.**
if-clause *main-clause*

IMPORTANT:

- We can reverse the order: *If it rains, I will stay at home* / *I will stay at home if it rains.*
- We write a comma (,) after the if-clause, when we begin with the if-clause.

There are four types of Conditional Sentences. Each type contains a different pair of tenses. With each type certain variations are possible.

TYPE 0: GENERAL CONDITIONALS.

If-clause..... **Present Simple**

Main-clause..... **Present Simple**

e.g.: *If you eat too much, you feel bad.*
If I don't get enough sleep, I feel tired.
If you mix yellow and blue, you get green.

We use this structure to talk about habits and general truths.
 Here **if** = **whenever**

TYPE 1: PROBABLE CONDITION.

If-clause..... **Present**

Main-clause..... **Future**

e.g.: *If he runs, he will get there in time.*

We use this structure to talk about things that may happen in the future (there is a possibility that the situation in the if-clause will happen in the future).

This type of sentence implies that the action in the *If-clause* is QUITE PROBABLE.

EXERCISES

1.- JOIN EACH IDEA IN "A" WITH THE MOST SUITABLE IDEA FROM "B".

A	B
If I have a headache,	They die
I feel terrible	It makes me feel nervous
If I drink too much coffee,	If you don't get enough exercise
If flowers don't get any water,	I usually take some aspirin.
You put on weight	If I don't get 8 hours sleep a night

2.- PUT THE VERBS INTO THE CORRECT FORM: WILL / WON'T OR THE PRESENT SIMPLE. ARE THESE THINGS TRUE?

- 1- If we (keep on) _____ using more and more cars, we (run out) _____ of oil.
- 2- If we (run out) _____ of oil, we (need) _____ other kinds of energy.
- 3- Pollution (increase) _____ if we (use) _____ more oil and coal.
- 4- If pollution (increase) _____, more and more trees (die) _____.
- 5- The climate (change) _____ if more trees (die) _____.
- 6- If we (try) _____ to control pollution, it (be) _____ very expensive.
- 7- If we (not control) _____ pollution soon, it (be) _____ too late.