

First Conditional

WHEN TO USE, HOW TO USE, EXAMPLES

When to use the first conditional

To refer to possible conditions and its likely result.

Often used to give promises or warnings

- The time frame is present or future.
- The situation is possible and real.

First conditional format

If clause (condition)

Main clause (result)

if + simple present

simple future

(If this happens

this will happen)

The order is not fixed, so you can swap the condition and result.

You might have to pay attention to pronouns.

First conditional examples

1. Making realistic predictions.

- If you drop the glass, it will break.
- The glass will break if you drop it.

- I will be angry if my team loses.
- If my team loses, I will be angry.

- If it rains tomorrow, I will take an umbrella.
- I will take an umbrella if it rains tomorrow.

First conditional examples

2. Giving promises or warnings.

- If you cook the meal, I'll wash the dishes.
- I'll wash the dishes if you cook the meal.

- I will take you to court if you don't pay the invoice.
- If you don't pay the invoice, I'll take you to court.

- If you reduce the price by 10%, I will buy the kitchen today.
- I will buy the kitchen today if you reduce the price by 10%.