

CLERK Mmm, let me see. Good, good, yes, yes. Now, what is this?
 'If you don't give me all your money, I'll shoot you.'

BANK ROBBER Yes.

CLERK Oh, this is very interesting - is this not an example of the first conditional?

BANK ROBBER Well, yes, it is.

CLERK Can you say the same thing using the word 'unless'?

BANK ROBBER Well, yes, you can. Let me see...

CLERK 'Unless you give me all your money, I'll shoot.'

BANK ROBBER Yes, that's it, very good.

CLERK If I gave you the money, you wouldn't shoot?

BANK ROBBER That's it.

CLERK If I had known you were coming, I would have called the police.

BANK ROBBER All right, stop it. That's enough. I didn't come here to teach English - I came to get some money. Now give me all your money or I'll shoot.

CLERK So the word 'or' can also be used in conditional sentences?

BANK ROBBER Shut up!

MANAGER What is all this noise?

CLERK It's this man - he wants to rob the bank, and he uses some very interesting conditional sentences.

MANAGER Well, there is no need to shout - we are a very civilised county. We understand conditional sentences. Now, how can I help?

BANK ROBBER I want all your money.

MANAGER Yes, of course. Now, your passport.

BANK ROBBER My passport?

MANAGER Yes - there are one or two forms to fill in. Your father's name?

BANK ROBBER Bert.

MANAGER And your mother's name?

BANK ROBBER Ethel.

MANAGER The colour of your mother's eyes?

BANK ROBBER Greeny brown? No, brownly green.

MANAGER You do not seem very sure.

BANK ROBBER I haven't seen her for a long time.

MANAGER How sad. Have you ever robbed a bank before?

BANK ROBBER Yes.

MANAGER Has your grandmother ever robbed a bank?

BANK ROBBER Look, stop all these questions! If you don't give me the money now, I'll go to another bank.

MANAGER First conditional!

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BANK ROBBER Shut up!!!

MANAGER Very well. Would you like the money in our own lirettos?

BANK ROBBER No, no, I want dollars.

MANAGER Oh, my friend, I am sorry. You will have to go to the Central Bank.

BANK ROBBER Oh, no. Sobs. What am I going to do?

CLERK Well, you could always teach English.