

FIRST CONDITIONAL AND FUTURE TIME CLAUSES

We use **first conditional sentences** to talk about a possible future situation and its consequence.

We use the present tense (NOT the future) after **if** in first conditional sentences. (**NOT** If you'll work hard, you'll pass all your exams.)

- The boss won't be very happy **if we're** late for the meeting.

We can also use an **imperative** instead of the **will clause**:

- Come and see us next week **if you have** time.

We can use **unless** instead of **if +not** in conditional sentences:

- She won't get into college **unless** she gets good grades / if she **doesn't** get good grades.
- I won't go **unless** you go, too.

Use **the present tense (NOT the future)** after **when, as soon as, until, before,** and **after** to talk about the future.

- **As soon as** you **get** your test scores, call me.
- We'll have dinner **when** your father **gets** home.
- I won't go to bed **until** you **come** home.
- I'll have a quick lunch **before** I **leave**.
- **After** I **graduate** from college, I'll probably take a year off and travel.



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1 Complete with the simple present or future with will.

- 1 That girl _____ into trouble if she doesn't wear her uniform. (get)
- 2 If you hand in your homework late, the teacher _____ it. (not grade)
- 3 Don't write anything unless you _____ sure of the answer. (be)
- 4 Gary will be suspended if his behavior _____. (not improve)
- 5 They'll be late for school unless they _____. (hurry)
- 6 Ask me if you _____ what to do. (not know)
- 7 Johnny will be punished if he _____ at the teacher again, (shout)
- 8 My sister _____ from college this year if she passes all her exams, (graduate)
- 9 I _____ tonight unless I finish my homework quickly. (not go out)
- 10 Call me if you _____ some help with your project. (need)

2 Choose the correct word or expression.

- 1 I won't go to college **if / unless** I don't get good grades.
- 2 Please check that the water's not too hot **before / after** the kids get in the bathtub.
- 3 Your parents will be really happy **when / unless** they hear your good news.
- 4 I'll look for a job in September **before / after** I come back from vacation.
- 5 The schools will close **unless / until** it stops snowing soon.
- 6 The job is very urgent, so please do it **after / as soon as** you can.
- 7 We'll stay in the library **as soon as / until** it closes. Then we'll go home.
- 8 Andrew will probably learn to drive **when / until** he's 18.
- 9 You won't be able to talk to the principal **unless / if** you make an appointment.
- 10 Give Mom a kiss **before / after** she goes to work.



SCHOOL DAYS

3 Complete the sentences from the video "How to Quit a Job":

- 1 The _____ is, school is all about _____, school doesn't want anyone to _____ the boat, they want everyone to be nice and _____ and that's why school is important.
- 2 Because if you fail school, then you'll be a _____ in life.
- 3 The idea is if you aren't doing _____ in school and you aren't getting good _____, then you must be defective and you must have a problem and therefore no one is ever going to hire you for a job and you can never _____ anything in life.
- 4 I said she might not have _____ of a future.
- 5 Maybe you can do something great, too, if you get your _____ together.
- 6 If you are a complete "F student" in school, you probably lack the motivation to actually _____ something of your life.
- 7 I don't know if that was too _____, but, whatever, I said it.
- 8 You need to learn to _____ follow authority!
- 9 Don't _____ anything, don't look at the man behind the curtain. Just get _____ with the people that are your rulers.
- 10 My _____ is: _____ do look at your grades and they do care somewhat what your GPA was and they care what you know.
- 11 But at the end of the _____, they care more about how you think and whether you're going to be able to perform the duties that you're _____ in this job.
- 12 So your school academic career is only an indicator to them that you'll put _____ the effort to learn what they have to teach you.
- 13 But isn't that what they said about _____ high school?
- 14 College is great for that because you can spend your time studying that, get _____ experience, maybe get some _____, but if you're going to go to college for, _____, a philosophy degree... I wouldn't spend my money on it.



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4 Discuss the following questions:

- What springs to mind when you hear the word 'school'?
- Do you agree that school is a conformity factory?
- Do you agree that if you fail school, you'll be a failure in life?
- What is your first memory of school?
- What are your best and worst memories of school? Were you happy with your school?
- Did you or your parents care about your grades?
- Why do you think a lot of kids don't like school? What were your favorite subjects at school? Who was your favorite teacher?
- Were any of your teachers a bit strange?
- Do you agree that "school days are the best days of your life"?
- What did you use to do at break time?
- Were you a good school kid or a bit naughty?
- Did you have to wear a school uniform? What was it?
- Was there any bullying at your school?
- What should children be taught at school to help prepare them for "the real world"?
- If you went to school again, what would you do differently?
- Is school too dangerous these days?
- What advice would you give to your children about school?
- Do you like looking at your old school photos?

