

Activity Name	“GIVE ADVICE USING THE FIRST CONDITIONAL: WILL AND OTHER MODAL VERBS” (GRAMMAR)
Language	English
Level	Intermediate (7 th and 8 th semester)
Objective	Use the first conditional to give advice.
Linguistic Competence to Develop	Language Use Reading Comprehension
Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analyze some phrases to complete them to give advice. - Make first conditional sentences, adding punctuation and capitalization where needed. - Differentiate the 'if' clauses from the clauses with a future meaning.
Activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete the first conditional sentences about giving advice with the words from the box. 2. Use the correct form of the verb in the sentences. 3. Put the words in the correct order to make first conditional sentences about giving advice. 4. Read an email to Rose. Underline the 'if' clauses and double underline the clauses with a future meaning
Feedback	When you finish look at the “Answer Key” and check your answers. Keep your worksheet in your portfolio of evidence.

The first conditional is used to talk about something that will probably happen or is likely to happen in the future. It can also be used to give advice. The structure is made up of two clauses:

- A clause starting with 'if' in the present simple tense.
- A clause with a future meaning using 'will', 'be going to', a modal to talk about the future such as 'might' or 'should', or other words that indicate a future time.

Either clause can be first in the sentence. If the 'if' clause is first, a comma separates the clauses.

Examples:

- If you work harder, you will have enough money to go to Tokyo.
- You will have enough money to go to Tokyo if you work harder.

A. Complete the first conditional sentences about giving advice with the words from the box. Use the correct form of the verb in the sentences. You can use each word only once.

report	Do	Explain	help	hire
might	(not) tell	(not) want	should	blame

1. She'll be able to _____ more at work if she _____ an assistant.
2. If you _____ the crime to the police, they will _____ you.
3. He _____ understand if she _____ why she has to leave.
4. If you _____ to go with them, you _____ tell them.
5. If you _____ your boss, he might _____ someone else for the mistake.

B. Put the words in the correct order to make first conditional sentences about giving advice. Add punctuation and capitalization where needed.

1. survive / take / be able to / extra water / you / will / with you / if / in the desert / you

2. much tidier / keep / look / in the wardrobe / you / if / your clothes / your room / will

3. you / saving / decide / to Australia / if / money now / you / should / to go / start

4. should / 8 o'clock / if / the train / take / get / you / to London / you / before

5. we / hurry / arrive before / have to / we / the storm / want to / if / starts

C. Rose is an advice columnist. People write to her about their problems, and she gives them advice. Read the following email to Rose. Underline the 'if' clauses and double underline the clauses with a future meaning.

Dear Rose,

My friends told me that if I tell you my problem, you'll give me advice. Please help me. My problem is that two men want me to marry them, and I can't choose. Will I be happy if I choose the first man? Or if I choose the second man, will I be happier?

The first man is very good looking, and he tells me that I am beautiful. He said that he'll always want to be with me if I stay beautiful even when I'm older. If we have children together, I'm sure that our children will also be good-looking. We have different religions, but if we never talk about religion, we shouldn't have any problems concerning it.

The second man is average looking, but he is very rich. He also tells me that I am beautiful. He will buy me anything if I tell him that I like it. If his business goes well, he might become even richer. I will be very rich too if I marry him. If I'm rich, I won't have any problems. We don't have a lot in common, but if we're rich, we'll be able to buy anything we want.

What should I do?

Confused in Cardiff

ANSWER KEY

Exercise A

1. She'll be able to do more at work if she hires an assistant.
2. If you report the crime to the police, they will help you.
3. He might understand if she explains why she has to leave.
4. If you don't want to go with them, you should tell them.
5. If you don't tell your boss, he might blame someone else for the mistake.

Exercise B

1. If you take extra water with you, you will be able to survive in the desert. OR You will be able to survive in the desert if you take extra water with you.
2. If you keep your clothes in the wardrobe, your room will look much tidier. OR Your room will look much tidier if you keep your clothes in the wardrobe.
3. If you decide to go to Australia, you should start saving money now. OR You should start saving money now if you decide to go to Australia.
4. If you take the train, you should get to London before 8 o'clock. OR You should get to London before 8 o'clock if you take the train.
5. If we want to arrive before the storm starts, we have to hurry. OR We have to hurry if we want to arrive before the storm starts.

Exercise C

My friends told me that if I tell you my problem, you'll give me advice. Please help me. My problem is that two men want me to marry them, and I can't choose. Will I be happy if I choose the first man? Or if I choose the second man, will I be happier?

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The second man is average looking, but he is very rich. He also tells me that I am beautiful. He will buy me anything if I tell him that I like it. If his business goes well, he might become even richer. I will be very rich too if I marry him. If I'm rich, I won't have any problems. We don't have a lot in common, but if we're rich, we'll be able to buy anything we want.