

# First Conditional vs Second Conditional

## Activity Sheet (page 1/2)

### A. Read the sentences describing First and Second Conditionals and circle the correct words.

1. (If + present simple + will/won't + infinitive) is the formula for the *First / Second* Conditional.
2. (If + past simple + would/wouldn't + infinitive) is the formula for the *First / Second* Conditional.
3. We use the *First / Second* Conditional to talk about unreal events in the present or future.
4. We use the *First / Second* Conditional to talk about possible events in the future.
5. In *First / Second* Conditional sentences, the 'if' is sometimes replaced by 'unless' or 'when'.
6. In *First / Second* Conditional sentences, 'would' is sometimes replaced by 'could'.
7. In Conditional sentences the 'if' *must / mustn't* be in a separate clause from the 'will' or 'would'.

### B. Match the beginnings of the sentences with the correct endings.

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| 1. If you clean the floor, .....     | a. when I get paid next week.               |
| 2. If you cleaned the windows, ..... | b. we'll miss the bus.                      |
| 3. I'll buy you a pizza .....        | c. I'll stay with some friends.             |
| 4. I'd buy you a diamond .....       | d. we wouldn't have missed the train.       |
| 5. If we'd left earlier, .....       | e. if we didn't drive everywhere.           |
| 6. Unless we leave now, .....        | f. I'd visit Buckingham Palace.             |
| 7. We'll run out of petrol .....     | g. they wouldn't have fingerprints on them. |
| 8. We'd use less petrol .....        | h. if we don't fill up the tank soon.       |
| 9. When I go to London, .....        | i. if I could afford one.                   |
| 10. If I went to London, .....       | j. you can use the new mop.                 |

### C. Complete the First and Second Conditional sentences by putting the verbs in brackets in the correct form.

1. Jim is single. He ..... (be) happier if he ..... (have) a girlfriend.
2. If he ..... (not pay) me back soon, I ..... (ask) him for the money.
3. If cars ..... (can) fly, there ..... (be) fewer traffic jams.
4. Unless you ..... (study) harder, you ..... (not / pass) the exam.
5. If I ..... (be) you, I ..... (tell) the police.

**D. Complete the First and Second Conditional sentences using two of the verbs below in the correct form.**

be take off not/cook ring cough give buy wake take know  
 shave promise not/be (2) look have go can give up start

1. I ..... him dinner, unless he ..... to do the washing up.
2. I ..... a piece of cake if I ..... on a diet.
3. When the bell ....., we ..... to our next class.
4. If it ..... so cold in here, I ..... my jacket.
5. I ..... a new bike if I ..... afford one. Sadly, I'm broke.
6. Sam ..... less if he ..... smoking. I really wish he would.
7. Shhh! If we ..... the baby, it ..... to cry.
8. If I ..... you, I ..... a taxi to the interview. You don't want to be late.
9. Jim refuses to get rid of his beard. He ..... better if he ..... it off.
10. If I ..... what his number was, I ..... him a call.

**E. Complete the First and Second Conditional questions using one of the words below and either 'will' or 'would', then write down what you think your partner's answer will be. Afterwards, ask each other the questions and see how many of your guesses were correct.**

hungry phone food house superpower

1. If you could have a ....., what ..... you like to be able to do?  
 My guess: ..... Your answer: .....
2. If you feel ..... when you get home, what ..... you eat?  
 My guess: ..... Your answer: .....
3. If you could eat only one ..... for the rest of your life, what ..... it be?  
 My guess: ..... Your answer: .....
4. When you pick up your ....., who is the first person you ..... call?  
 My guess: ..... Your answer: .....
5. If your ..... was on fire, what ..... you save? (one item only!)  
 My guess: ..... Your answer: .....