

# First Conditional vs Second Conditional

## Teacher's Notes

In this First and Second Conditional activity, students practise First and Second Conditionals both alone and with a partner.

**Aim:** To practise First and Second Conditionals through a variety of written and communicative exercises.

**Procedure:** Give each student a copy of the two-page activity sheet.

**Exercise A:** Students begin by reading the sentences and circling the correct words.

answer key:

1. First      2. Second      3. Second      4. First      5. First      6. Second      7. must

**Exercise B:** Next, students match the beginnings of the sentences with the correct endings.

answer key:

1. j    2. g    3. a    4. i    5. d    6. b    7. h    8. e    9. c    10. f

**Exercise C:** Students then complete the sentences, putting the verbs in brackets in the correct form.

answer key:

1. would be / had                      2. doesn't pay / will ask                      3. could / would be  
4. study / won't pass                      5. were / would tell

**Exercise D:** After this, students choose the correct verbs and create First or Second Conditional sentences.

answer key:

1. won't cook / promises                      6. would cough / gave up  
2. would have / wasn't/weren't                      7. wake / will start  
3. rings / will go                      8. were / would take  
4. wasn't / would take off                      9. would look / shaved  
5. would buy / could                      10. knew / would give

**Exercise E:** Lastly, students complete the First and Second Conditional questions using one of the words at the top of the exercise and either 'will' or 'would'. They then guess what their partner's answer will be and write it in the "My guess" space. Afterwards, they ask each other the questions and see how many of their guesses were correct.

answer key:

1. superpower / would                      2. hungry / will                      3. food / would  
4. phone / will                      5. house / would