



§ 2 Talking about future possibilities, predictions or advice - Conditional sentences, type I

A **conditional sentence** is about the future or the present. The **if-clause** expresses a condition, the **main clause** expresses the consequence.



We use conditional sentences, type I...

- (1) ...when we want to say that **sth. will happen if a condition is fulfilled**.
- (2) ...when we think it is **possible** or when we **predict** that sth will happen.
- (3) ...when we want to **give advice**.

(1) If you book the train tickets early, they will be cheaper. - (2) If she speaks English, you can ask her for help. If he doesn't get up early, he'll miss the bus. - (3) If you go to London, you should visit the London Eye.

1 If you *book* the train tickets early, they *will be* cheaper.

if-clause:
simple present

main clause:
will-future

2 If she *speaks* English, you *can ask* her for help.

if-clause:
simple present

main clause:
modal verb + infinitive

If he *doesn't get up* early, he *will miss* the bus

if-clause:
simple present

main clause:
will-future

3 If you *go* to London, you *should visit* the London Eye.

if-clause:
simple present

main clause:
modal verb + infinitive