

Conditionals

8 Read the conversation and study the verbs in bold. Then answer the questions below.

A: (1) If you see Marie-Flore, will you give her a message?

B: Of course, but I doubt that I'll see her until next week. She usually goes to her parents in Lyon at the weekend and (2) if she goes there then she leaves around 5pm. She's probably already left.

A: I need to speak to her as soon as possible. Do you know how I can contact her?

B: (3) I'd help you if I could, but I don't have any contact details for her at all. That's a shame. (4) If I'd spoken to you at lunchtime, I would have been able to give her your message before she left.

Find an example in the conversation of each of the following.

- a zero conditional for something that is always or generally true
- a first conditional for an event that the speaker thinks is likely to happen
- a second conditional for an event that is imaginary, unlikely or impossible
- a third conditional for a situation that didn't actually happen

9 Underline the correct form in bold.

- I'm very confident, and of course if I **get**/I will get the job, it **is**/it'll be very convenient for me. It's just a short bus ride from my house to their offices.
- I'm not very confident, and if I **got**/I would get the job it **will be**/it would be a miracle. I was twenty minutes late for the interview and I answered the questions really badly.
- The interview didn't go well. If I **did**/I'd done some research on the company, I **would have performed**/I would perform better in the interview.
- If I **know**/I will know that I have an interview coming up, I **go**/I will go to the Internet and do some research on the company beforehand.

10 Put each verb into the most appropriate form.

- If I _____ (know) the answer, I _____ (tell) you, but it's not my field.
- It's always the same. If I _____ (forget) my umbrella, it _____ (rain).
- If you _____ (give) me the address, I _____ (find) it. No problem.
- If I _____ (not/hear) from you within the next few days, I _____ (assume) you're not coming.
- I didn't go to university, but if I _____ (go), I _____ (study) engineering.
- Unless I _____ (hear) from you within the next few days, I _____ (assume) you're not coming.
- I _____ (not/do) that if I _____ (be) you.
- Let me see. What _____ (I/do) if _____ (I/be) Prime Minister?
- It's midnight. What _____ (we/do) if _____ (the bus/not come)? Maybe we should phone for a taxi.

Will, be going to and present continuous

11 Match will in each sentence 1–5 with the best description of its use a–e below.

- I imagine I'll get a pay rise in January.
 - It's getting late. I'll give you a lift to the station.
 - Next year will be the 25th anniversary of our company.
 - It's hot in here. I'll open the window.
 - I'll love you forever.
- simple fact about the future
 - prediction, often with I think, etc.
 - promise
 - offer, or willingness
 - decision made at the moment of speaking

12 Match be going to and the present continuous in sentences 1–3 with their use a–c below.

- I'm having an interview with them on Friday.
 - I'm going to buy a new computer in the sales.
 - Is that the time? We're going to miss the train.
- prediction with evidence in the present situation
 - intention, plan
 - fixed arrangement (it's 'in my diary')

Note: the uses given in Exercises 11 and 12 are guidelines, not rules. With the future, more than one form is often possible.

13 Underline the most likely form in bold.

- This shop **will be closed**/is going to be closed on 24 and 25 December.
- The interview went very well. I think I'm **getting**/I'll get the job.
- Look out! It **will fall**/It's going to fall.
- Wait a moment, I'll **open**/I'm going to open the door for you.
- I'll **play**/I'm playing tennis with Ana on Saturday afternoon. I can meet you afterwards, around 5pm.
- I **will start**/I'm going to start applying for jobs in other parts of the country – there's not much available here.