

Grammar

First conditional

- 1 Read this advertisement. Which parts do you believe? Would you try it?

Can you survive abroad?

If you go abroad this year, how will you communicate? What will you say when you order food and drink in a restaurant, or if you need a receipt? How will you ask for travel information, change traveller's cheques, or understand taxi drivers? If you can speak the language, you'll enjoy your holiday or business trip much more. People will be friendlier, and you'll save money and have a better time. But if you can't speak the language, you'll never survive.

Anyone can learn a language in three weeks!

We guarantee that if you study for just three weeks before you go, you'll be able to say whatever you need to. You'll start learning as soon as you open your book.



All you need to do is turn on the cassette player, read, listen, and repeat. If you study for ten minutes every day, you'll soon have a vocabulary of over 300 words for everyday situations.

Yes! You can afford it

The course costs just £29.99, and if you order in the next ten days you'll save £5.00.

Our promise

Of course, if you're not completely satisfied we'll refund your money. But we think you'll enjoy learning a language so much that you'll want to keep studying after you get back home!

- 2 In pairs. Cover the text and complete these sentences.

- 1 People will be friendlier if ...
- 2 How will you communicate if ...?
- 3 We'll refund your money if ...
- 4 If you study for three weeks before ...
- 5 As soon as you open your book ...
- 6 We think that after you get home ...
- 7 You'll save £5.00 if ...
- 8 You won't survive if ...

- 3 Do we use *will* or the present simple after *if*, *when*, *before*, *after*, and *as soon as*?

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Form

Choose the correct verb forms to make example sentences.

- + If she studies / 'll study for three weeks, she'll speak perfect Italian.
- If I won't study / don't study every day, I won't learn anything.
- ? How will / do they ask for a receipt if they don't speak Russian?

Use

- 1 We use the first conditional to talk about *possible* events in the future. What's the difference between these sentences?
I'll tell him if I see him.
I'll tell him when I see him.
- 2 We also use the present simple to talk about the future after *when*, *before*, *after*, and *as soon as*. Find as many examples as you can in the advert.

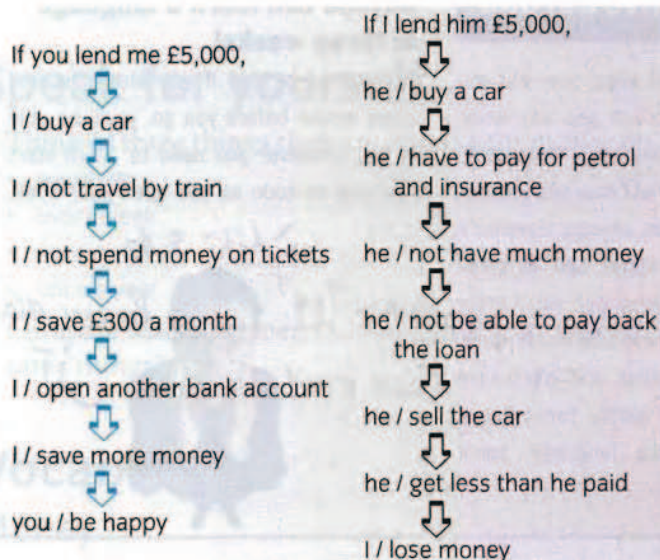
The future of *can* / *can't* is *will* / *won't* be able to.
Find an example in the advert on p.35.

Practice

- 1 Richard wants to borrow £5,000 to buy a car. What does he say to his bank manager? What does his bank manager think? Make sentences with *If*...

If you lend me £5,000, I'll buy a car.

If I buy a car ...



- 2 **In pairs.** Test each other. Ask questions about Richard.

What will happen if he ...?

- 3 **Against the clock** 3 minutes Make as many sentences as you can about your life with *if* or *when* (they can be negative sentences too).

If I get married, I'll ...

When I get a degree I'll ...

get married
change my job
make a lot of money
meet the man / woman of my dreams

get a degree
buy a big house
retire early

have children
have enough money
start my own business

Can you remember ...?

- six 'money' verbs
- three advantages of speaking the language when you travel
- how to form the first conditional

Practice p.92

Speak out



- 1 Look at these ideas about how to save money. What are the good and bad points of each idea?

If you pay off your credit card, you won't have to pay interest, but credit cards are very convenient.

- Pay off your credit card. You often have to pay interest on what you borrow – about 20% a year. Then cut your card up and throw it away!
- If you use public transport, you won't have to buy petrol and pay for insurance.
- Move to a smaller house or flat. Your bills will be much lower.
- Don't go away on holiday. If you go abroad, you'll spend a fortune on flights, hotels, and food. If you stay at home, you'll save all that money.
- Don't cook special dinners for friends. If they're really your friends, they won't mind what you give them to eat.

- 2 Can you think of any more ideas for saving money?