

**High-Intermediate 2**  
**Unit 1 Grammar**  
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## Conditional Sentences: Type I

In the if-clause of conditional sentences type I, we use the simple present tense, but in the main clause we use "will", "can" or "may" followed by the simple form of the verb.

Examples:

*If you invest your money in this project, you will gain a lot of profit next year.*  
*If you invest your money in this project, you can gain a lot of profit next year.*  
*If you invest your money in this project, you may gain a lot of profit next year.*

*You will gain a lot of profit next year if you invest your money in this project.*  
*You can gain a lot of profit next year if you invest your money in this project.*  
*You may gain a lot of profit next year if you invest your money in this project.*

Conditional sentences type I are real and if the condition is met, the result can happen.

### **Point:**

When we use the if-clause of a conditional sentence at the beginning of the sentence, it has to be followed by a comma, but when the conditional sentence begins with the main clause, a comma is not needed.

**If-Clause + , + Main Clause**  
**Main Clause + If-Clause**

### **Imperatives as the Main Clause:**

We can use imperatives as main clauses in conditional sentences type I.

Examples:

*If you see your father, please remember me to him.*  
*If you find the criminal, arrest him as soon as possible.*  
*If you are free tonight, let's go to the movies.*

### **Unless = If not**

The if-clause of a conditional sentence sometimes begins with the conditional word "unless".

Example:

*You won't succeed unless you try hard.*  
➤ unless you try hard = if you don't try hard

### **Point:**

When the if-clause starts with "unless", the verb in the if-clause has to be positive, but the meaning of the clause is negative.

### **WH Questions on the If-Clause:**

When we want to raise a question on the if-clause, we usually use the expression "on what condition". For example,

*On what condition will Thomas buy a new house?*  
*On what condition will you continue your studies?*

## Conditional Sentences Type 0

In conditional sentences type 0, we use the simple present tense in both the if-clause and the main clause.

Conditional sentences type 0 deal with facts.

Examples:

*If a teacher assigns too much homework, the majority of the students lose their interest in that particular course.*

*If you heat water, it boils at 100 degrees centigrade.*

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