

Premier Skills English

Five ways you can help the environment First Conditional

LANGUAGE

In the podcast, Jack and Rich used some conditional sentences to talk about the environment. Here are a couple of examples:

If we don't take care of our planet, the ice caps **will melt**.

If we use public transport more, our cities **will get** cleaner.

These conditionals are often called first conditionals which are used to describe real and possible situations. It is possible to use public transport more and the result of this happening would be our cities getting cleaner.

We create the first conditional by using **if** plus the **present simple** and then **will** in the second part of the sentence. You can also reverse this and begin the sentence with 'will'. In addition to the above, you could say:

The ice caps will melt, **if** we don't take care of our planet.

Our cities will get cleaner, **if** we use public transport more.

INSTRUCTIONS

Read the first conditional sentences and match the sentence parts together.

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| 1. If the ice caps melt, | a. I will go to the park with my friends. |
| 2. If it is sunny tomorrow, | b. I will buy a new car. |
| 3. If I get a good job and earn lots of money, | c. I will tell her. |
| 4. If I see her, | d. I will be happy. |
| 5. If I study hard enough, | e. sea levels will rise. |
| 6. If Arsenal win the cup, | f. I will pass the exam. |