

Modal verbs in first conditional sentences

Task 1. Choose the correct option.

1. If Joe *passes* / *will pass* all his exams, his parents *buy* / *may buy* him a car.
2. My teacher *doesn't* / *won't* mind if I *finish* / *will finish* my essay tomorrow.
3. If Ella *doesn't* / *won't* find a paid job this year, she *does* / *should do* voluntary work to get experience.
- 4 They *miss* / *will miss* all their friends if they *choose* / *can choose* to go abroad.
5. If the school uniform *is* / *will be* compulsory next year, we *have* / *must* wear it.
6. If John *drops* / *will drop* PE and Art, he *has* / *can have* more time for academic subjects.
7. *Will you help* / *Do you help* me with my homework if I *will have* / *have* a problem?
8. Sandra *doesn't do* / *won't do* a gap year if she *doesn't save* / *won't save* some money.

Task 2: Put the words in the correct order to make beginnings of sentences. Then match the beginnings (1-5) with the endings (a-e).

Beginnings	Endings
1. Andy / carry / can't / bag / if/ it's / your _____	a. you what to do.
2. If/ show / watch / you / carefully, / I might _____	b. speak more slowly.
3. I / you / don't / can't / understand / you / if _____	c. help me.
4. If / we may / now, / don't / we / be / leave _____	d. too heavy.
5. I / you / help / if / don't / you / can't _____	e. late for the exam.

Task 3: Write sentences from the prompts. Use the first conditional and appropriate modal verbs.

1. You / speak / new people/ if / want / make friends.
2. If / Adam / improve / English/ he/ study / London /.
3. If / I / not / fall asleep / I / finish / my homework
4. We / take / Sociology / next year / if / on the timetable.
5. Mum / not happy / if / not pass / my exams

ANSWER KEY

Task 1.

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| 1. passes, may buy | 2. won't, finish | 3. doesn't, should do |
| 4. will miss, choose | 5. is, must. | 6. drops, can have |
| 7. Will you help, have | 8. won't do, doesn't save | |

Task 2.

- 1-d. Andy can't carry your bag if it's too heavy.
- 2-a. If you watch carefully, I might show you what to do.
- 3-b. I can't understand you if you don't speak more slowly.
- 4-e. If we don't leave now, we may be late for the exam.
- 5-c. I can't help you if you don't help me.

Task 3.

- 1. You should speak to new people if you want to make friends.
- 2. If Adam wants to improve his English, he should study in London.
- 3. If I don't fall asleep, I can finish my homework.
- 4. We may/should/can take Sociology next year if it's on the timetable.
- 5. Mum can't be happy if I don't not pass my exams.