

## THE FIRST CONDITIONAL WITH UNLESS

### Examples

1. You can't be the winner **unless** you have all the counters.
2. But not everyone can have a turn **unless** you bring more than one spinner.
3. **Unless** you listen carefully, you won't understand what to do.

### Explanations

1. **Unless** means "if not" or "except if." **Unless** is used to express negative conditionals.

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\*I won't go **unless** you go.

\***Unless** you know what are doing, you will have a lot of trouble fixing that

2. When the **unless** clause comes first, a comma is used between the clauses. miss the bus.

When it comes second, a comma is not used.

\*Unless you hurry, you'll

\*You'll miss the bus unless hurry.

### Exercise 2: What We Tell Our Children

*Directions: Complete each sentence. Write **if** or **unless** in the blank.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ you clean your room right now, I'll take you shopping later.
2. You won't be able to go to any parties \_\_\_\_\_ you start doing your homework better.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ you practice your oboe more, I am going to give it away.
4. You'll get into any college you want \_\_\_\_\_ you continue to get good grades. We're proud of you!

### Exercise 3: Unless You Do It

*Directions: Complete each sentence with your own idea.*

1. Unless \_\_\_\_\_, you won't speak English fluently.
2. My country will continue to have economic problems unless \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Contestant Number Three will never win the game unless \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Unless \_\_\_\_\_, you won't make friends in your new school.
5. You won't succeed unless \_\_\_\_\_.

### Exercise 3: Complete Thoughts

Directions: Complete each sentence. Use the first conditional.

1. If I have enough money, \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I'll call you tomorrow \_\_\_\_\_.
3. David won't go unless \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Rose will help you fix that problem \_\_\_\_\_.
5. If Mike and Phil arrive on time, \_\_\_\_\_.
6. If you can help me, \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Unless Jackie finishes her work, \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Christine won't cooperate if \_\_\_\_\_.

### Exercise 4: What's the Question?

Directions: Read each answer and write a logical question on the line. Use the underlined words as cues.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Yes, I'll take the course over again if I fail it.
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
If my uncle gives me some money, I'll buy a radio.
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Wendy'll call Josephine if she needs help with her essay.
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
They'll go by themselves unless Ben comes soon.
5. \_\_\_\_\_  
I'll read a good book if he doesn't come over.