

TEACHER'S NOTES

Pairwork: First conditional
by Jill Hadfield**Level:** Pre-intermediate**Target age:** Secondary / Adult**Time needed:** 25 minutes**Grammar objective:** to practise using the structure *if* + present simple + *will***Materials:** one copy of the questionnaire per student**Summary:** a pairwork game to practise the first conditional**Procedure**

- Ask the students a few things about this weekend. What are they planning to do? As they respond, pose an *if* question.

For example:

T: What are you planning to do this weekend, Rosa?

R: We're going on a picnic.

T: But what will you do if it rains?

R: We'll cancel.

- Elicit the form your question took – *will* + *if* + present simple. Ask what form the answer should take – students should respond using *will*.
- Take this opportunity to drill the pronunciations of these contracted forms of *will*:

I'll – /aʊl/

we'll – /wiʊl/

It's useful for students to understand and learn to use these forms because native speakers typically use them when speaking.

- Give out the questionnaires and ask students to complete the sentences individually.
- Then, put them in pairs and get them to ask and answer questions:

A: What will you do if you feel lazy?

B: I'll sit in the garden and read a book.

Warn students to make sure they pay close

attention to what their partners are saying because they'll need to remember it for the next activity!

- When most pairs have finished exchanging information, put students in different pairs.
- Elicit the form of the first conditional and write it on the board:

if + present simple + *will*

- Tell them to swap information about what their previous partner will do in the various situations in the questionnaire. They should use the first conditional and you could also encourage them to use the contracted forms of *will* (*she'll* and *he'll*). For example:

If José feels adventurous, he'll go snowboarding.

If Haruka feels sociable, she'll go out for a meal with her friends.

QUESTIONNAIRE

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**What are you
planning to do
this weekend?**

It depends. ...

If it's a nice day, ...

But if it rains, ...

If I feel energetic, ...

But if I feel lazy, ...

If I feel sociable, ...

But if I feel like being on my own, ...

If I feel like being outdoors, ...

But if I feel like staying in, ...

If I feel adventurous, ...

But if I feel more cautious, ...