**FIRST CONDITIONAL**

**If I pass my exam, I will go to university.**

**There will be more pollution if there are more cars in the future.**

**Unless we leave now, we might be late.**

**Pay attention to the structure of these sentences.**

**There are two clauses in these sentences: the main clause (=hoofdzin) and the if/unless clause.**

**Examples;**

**If you help me, we can watch TV lateron.**

**main clause: we can watch tv lateron.**

**If clause: if you help me**

**I will tell her all about you, if I see her.**

**main clause: I will tell her all about you**

**if clause clause: if I see her**

**You can put the main clause first, or the if/unless clause first. When you put the if/unless clause first, there is a comma after it.**

**Example:**

**Unless the teacher explains, we won’t know what to do.**

**We won’t know what to do unless the teacher explains.**

**The first conditional sentences are built up as follows:**

**main clause: will/won’t+ infinitive**

**may/might/can/could+infinitive**

**am/are/is going to+infinitive**

**imperative verb (=gebiedende wijs)**

**if/unless clause: if + subject + present simple**

**Unless + subject + present simple**

**EXAMPLES:**

**I won’t go to London, unless I get a lot of money.**

**I might go home if we don’t watch a movie.**

**If he arrives late, send him home again.** (gebiedende wijs)

**Unless you start talking, I am going to call the police.**

**UNLESS or IF**

**unless = if + negative**

**unless we do something = if we don’t do something**

**unless we leave now = if we don’t leave now**

**unless you tell someone = if you don’t tell someone**