Grammar Talk 11 - First Conditional: Future, Real

1. A: How will you get to work tomorrow?  
   B: If it rains, I'll drive my car.  
   A: What if it doesn't rain?  
   B: If it doesn’t rain, I'll walk to work.  
   A: If it's sunny, I'll eat my lunch outside.  
   B: I'll have my lunch on the grass if it's nice out.

2. A: What are we having for dinner tonight?  
   B: If we're hungry, we'll have a full course meal.  
   A: What if we're not very hungry?  
   B: We'll just have some soup if we're not too hungry.  
   A: If I'm not tired, I'll cook dinner tonight.  
   B: Let's go to a restaurant if we're too tired to cook.

3. A: What's the matter with Fred? Is he sick?  
   B: Yes, he is. But, he's getting over it slowly.  
   A: Will he be at work if he feels better tomorrow?  
   B: Yes, but if he doesn't feel better, he'll stay home and rest another day.  
   A: If he stays home, he won't finish the report.  
   B: He won't get a raise unless he finishes it on time.

   B: If you buy a car, you'll have to spend a lot of money.  
   A: If I spend too much, I won't have enough to pay the rent.  
   B: If you're short of cash, I'll lend you a hundred dollars.  
   A: If you lend me money, I'll pay you back soon.  
   B: I think you'd better not buy that car.

5. A: Maybe we shouldn't move to New York.  
   B: If you move there, you'll be far away from your grandchildren.  
   A: If we don't see them very often, we'll be sad.  
   B: If you miss them too much, you'll fly to San Francisco a lot.  
   A: If we fly a lot, we'll spend too much for plane fare.  
   B: You probably shouldn't move to New York.

6. A: Would you like to go to the beach with me?  
   B: If I go to the beach, I might get a sunburn.  
   A: You won't get a sunburn if you use sun screen.  
   B: If I get a sunburn, it will itch a lot.  
   A: Your sunburn won't itch because you won't get one.  
   B: If we go to the beach, do we have to swim?

7. A: Careful, put on your safety glasses.  
   B: I'll wear them if you really think they're necessary.  
   A: If you don't wear them, you might hurt your eyes.  
   B: Okay, I'll put them on right away if you insist.  
   A: If you are careful on the job, you won't get hurt.  
   B: If I wear my safety glasses, I'll feel safer.

8. A: Unless you stop smoking, you'll start a fire here.  
   B: Why will I start a fire if I smoke a cigarette?  
   A: There are inflammable chemicals all around us.  
   B: Oh, I didn't know. I'll put it out right away.  
   A: If the boss see you smoking, he'll have a fit.  
   B: Okay, I won't smoke anymore on the job.

9. A: You know, you shouldn't drive so fast.  
   B: If I don't drive fast, I won't be on time to work.  
   A: But you might have an accident if you don't slow down.  
   B: If I'm not on time to work, I might lose my job.  
   A: If you speed, you could get a ticket.  
   B: Okay, you're right. I'll try to drive a little slower.

10. A: If Jose works overtime, he'll make more money.  
    B: But if he works too much, he'll be very tired.  
    A: He can buy a house if he saves enough money.  
    B: He might find a better job if he looks around.  
    A: Yes. He has a lot of ability.  
    B: However, if he looks for a new job, he might not find one.
11. A: If my roof leaks, who should I call?
B: You should call the landlord if your roof leaks.
A: If there's a gas leak, who can I call?
B: In that case, call P.G. and E. They'll fix it.
A: Who should I notify if there's an emergency in the building?
B: If there's an emergency, you should call 911 right away.

12. A: What do I need if I want to fix the sink myself?
B: You'll need a good plumber's wrench.
A: If I don't have one, where can I purchase one?
B: You can buy one at Home Depot.
A: If I want to make my own clothes, what will I need?
B: If you make your own clothes, you'll need a good sewing machine.

13. A: If I have time on Saturday, I'll visit my parents.
B: If you visit them, they'll be very happy.
A: I'll bring some groceries if I visit them.
B: If you go to their house, they'll make a big dinner for you.
A: If I don't have time this Saturday, I'll go there next weekend.
B: They'll be glad whenever you can visit them.

14. A: Should Yu Lee go to school today?
B: No. If Yu Lee goes to school today, he might give his cold to the other children.
A: If he stays home, I'm afraid he'll be very bored.
B: Don't let him watch television even if he wants to.
A: If he doesn't watch TV, what can he do?
B: If he has energy, he should study his books.

15. A: Do you think Mary should quit her job?
B: If she doesn't like it, she should talk to her boss.
A: Why shouldn't she just quit?
B: If she quits, she might have trouble finding another job.
A: If she has trouble finding a job, she can go to an employment agency.
B: Yes, if there aren't too many people looking for work, she might find a good job.

16. A: Do you think I should marry Steven?
B: If you marry him, you might have to support him.
A: If I have to support him, we won't be able to have children.
B: If you marry him, you might regret it for a long time.
A: But if I really love him, I should marry him, don't you agree?
B: I don't know. Love isn't everything. You should really think about it.

17. A: Do you think BART will be very crowded today?
B: I hope not. If it's crowded, we'll have to stand.
A: If we have to stand, we'll be tired when we get to work.
B: You're right. I hope Bart isn't too crowded today.
A: Do you think BART is running today? I don't see a train.
B: My God. If there's an accident, the train won't come.

18. A: Do you think the landlord will raise the rent?
B: I hope not. If he raises the rent, I won't be able to pay it.
A: If we aren't able to pay it, we'll have to move.
B: If we have to move, we must look for another place.
A: If we're looking for another place, we won't have time for anything else.
B: I really hope the landlord doesn't raise the rent.

19. A: Do you think the teacher will give us a test tomorrow?
B: I hope not. If she gives us a test, we won't do well.
A: If we don't do well, our parents will be upset.
B: If my parents are upset, they'll ground me.
A: If they ground you, you won't be able to play.
B: I really hope the teacher doesn't give us a test.

20. A: What did Patricia wish for when she blew out the candles on her birthday cake?
B: She hopes to get a raise in her new job.
A: If she gets a raise, she can go on vacation.
B: She can buy clothes if she makes more money.
A: If she gets a raise, she can eat at restaurants.
B: She'll have to get married unless she gets a raise.