

Conditionals

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What are Conditionals?

- Conditionals are also known as if clauses, we use them to say that one thing depends on something else. They can be used to talk about something that always happens, might happen or might have happened as a result of another state, action or event.
- Check out these four conditionals and how to use them in a sentence.

Zero conditional	<i>If I'm hungry, I eat.</i>
First conditional	<i>If I'm hungry, I will eat.</i>
Second conditional	<i>If I was hungry, I would eat.</i>
Third conditional	<i>If I had been hungry, I would have eaten.</i>

Zero Conditional

- The zero conditional is used to talk about things that are certain, or always true,
- **General truths, habits, real world condition, scientific facts** etc.
- Structure & Examples: **If + present simple, present simple**
- If you heat water at 100 degrees, it boils. / When you freeze water, it turns into ice.
- If you heat ice, it melts.
- When it rains, my mother cooks khichudi.
- If you smoke, you get old early.
- If you mix yellow and blue, you get green.
- If I cry, I get a headache.
- When babies are hungry, they cry.

First Conditional

- We use this to talk about things in the future that are likely to happen or have a real possibility of happening.
- Describes a possible situation and a possible result/outcome in the future. E.g. **possible plan, promises, warnings, threats or persuading someone.**
- **Structure & Examples: *If + present tense,...will/won't + infinitive (future simple)***
- If it rains, I'll take an umbrella.
- If it's sunny in the weekend, we will go to park.
- When I get my results, I will call you
- If I have time tomorrow, I will help you.
- I will not take the dog out if you do it now.
- If you have time, go to the supermarket. (imperative)
- If you go out, you could bring something for me to eat. (May, might, shall, should, could)
- If I get the email, I will reply.

Second Conditional

- The second conditional is used to talk about **imaginary or hypothetical condition which is not possible** in present or future, or things that will not happen
- **Structure & Examples:** *If + past simple, ... would/wouldn't + infinitive*
- If I were 20, I would travel around the world
- If I were you, I would not do this.
- If I was working in London, I would take the tube everyday.
- If I won a lottery, I could quit my job.
- If I were a rich man, I would buy a home like palace.
- If tomorrow were a holiday, we would go to cinema together.

Third Conditional

- We use this structure to talk about an imagined past
- We often use the third conditional to talk about **regrets**, and it is based on an unreal situation that cannot be changed
- **Structure & Examples: *If + past perfect,...would/wouldn't + have + past participle.***
- If Steve had woken up earlier, he wouldn't have missed the bus.
- If I had met Rita last week, I would have given her the book.
- If she had driven carefully, she wouldn't have had an accident.
- If he had gone to the picnic, he would have had a lot of fun.
- If I had studied, I would have done well in the exam.
- If I had a younger brother, I would have bought him a phone.
- If he had been loyal to her, they would have been a good couple.
- If he hadn't met Maria, he might have remained a bachelor.

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