

Conditionals

Zero Conditional

The Zero conditional is used for things that are **always true** as long as the condition is met.

Form:

[if + present simple], [present simple]

Example:

If you heat water to 100 degrees Celsius, it boils.

If I drink too much coffee, I get a headache.

First Conditional

The First Conditional is used to predict **the result of a future action** (things which might happen in the future).

Form:

[if + present simple], [will + infinitive]

Example:

If she gets good grades, she will go to university.

You 'll fail the exam if you don't study more.

Complete the Conditional Sentences (Type I) by putting the verbs into the correct form.

1. If you (send) send this letter now, she (receive) will receive it tomorrow.
2. If I (do) _____ this test, I (improve) _____ my English.
3. If I (find) _____ your ring, I (give) _____ it back to you.
4. Peggy (go) _____ shopping if she (have) _____ time in the afternoon.
5. Simon (go) _____ to London next week if he (get) _____ a cheap flight.
6. If her boyfriend (phone / not) _____ today, she (leave) _____ him.
7. If they (study / not) _____ harder, they (pass / not) _____ the exam.
8. If it (rain) _____ tomorrow, I (have to / not) _____ water the plants.
9. You (be able/ not) _____ to sleep if you (watch) _____ this scary film.
10. Susan (can / move / not) _____ into the new house if it (be / not) _____ ready on time.

Second conditional

The Second conditional is used to talk about situations that are **unlikely or unreal**. It can refer to the present or the future.

Form:

[if + past simple], [would + infinitive]

Example:

If I were you, I wouldn't do it.

I would learn Italian, if I had the time.

Third Conditional

The Third Conditional is used to speculate about the imaginary result of things which didn't happen.

Form:

[if + past perfect], [would have + past participle]

Example:

If you had studied harder, you would have passed your exams.

We wouldn't have been late, if we hadn't missed the bus.

ZERO
conditional

If you stand in the rain, you get wet.
If you heat ice, it melts.

PRESENT SIMPLE

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USES: *Facts which are generally true or scientific facts*
The condition always has the same result

FIRST
conditional

If it rains, we will cancel the trip.
If you study, you will pass the exam.

PRESENT SIMPLE

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WILL / WON'T + VERB

USES: *A possible situation in the future*
Predicting a likely result in the future (if the condition happens)

SECOND
conditional

If I won the lottery, I would travel a lot.
If they sold their house, they would be rich.

PAST SIMPLE

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WOULD + VERB

USES: *Hypothetical or unlikely situations*
Unreal or improbable situation now or in the future

THIRD
conditional

If you had studied, you would have passed the exam.
If I hadn't been sick, I would have gone to your party.

PAST PERFECT

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WOULD HAVE + PAST PARTICIPLE

USES: *The person is imagining a different past*
Imaginary situation that did not happen

Mixed conditionals

Second conditional

-> [if + past simple], [would + infinitive]

-> present/future situations

Third conditional

-> [if + past perfect], [would + have + past participle]

-> past situations

Mixed conditionals

Third conditional (past)

- If I **had studied** harder, I **would have passed** my exam.

Mixed conditional (past condition, present/future result)

- If I **had studied** harder, I **would pass** my exam.

Second conditional (present)

- If she **had** enough money, she **could buy** a new car.

Mixed conditional (present condition, past result)

- If she **had** enough money, she **could have bought** a new car long ago.

Mixed conditionals

[if + past perfect], [would + infinitive]
past condition, present/future result

This type of mixed conditional refers to an **unreal past condition** and its **probable result in the present/future**.

In these mixed conditional sentences, the time is the **past** in the "if" clause and in the **present** in the main clause.

- If I **had worked** harder at school, I **would have** a better job now.
- If we **had looked** at the map we **wouldn't be** lost.
- You **would be** dead now if you **had caught** that plane.
- If I **had taken** an aspirin, I **wouldn't have** a headache now.

Mixed conditionals

[if + past simple], [would + have + past participle]
present condition, past result

These mixed conditional sentences refer to **an unreal present situation** and its **probable (but unreal) past result**.

In these mixed conditional sentences, the time in the if clause is **now or always** and the time in the main clause is **before now**.

- If I **wasn't** afraid of spiders, I **would have picked** it up.
- If we **didn't trust** him, we **would have sacked** him months ago.
- I **would have been** happy to help you if I **wasn't** in the middle of another meeting.
- If I **was** a good cook, I'd **have invited** them to lunch.
- If she **had** enough money, she **could have done** this trip to Hawaii.