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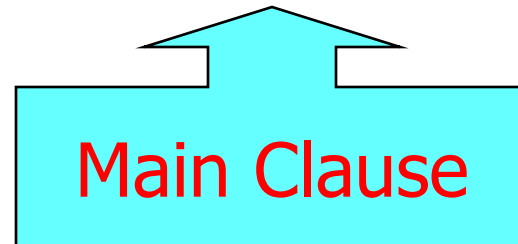
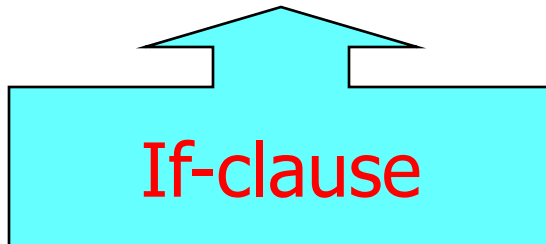
Structure :

A conditional sentence is composed of 2 parts :

If-clause + Main Clause

Example :

If it rains tomorrow, we will not come.





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Types :

- The order of the two clauses is flexible, it's not important.
But if the if-clause comes first, it must be followed by a comma.

If it rains, I'll stay at home

- There are **4 types** of conditional sentences.
They are classified according to the **degree of probability** that they express.
- Each type of conditional sentences **uses different tenses** to show the difference in the degree of probability.

Conditional Sentences

- Zero Conditional: If /when + present tense / modal

- *Water boils if it reaches 100°*



- First Conditional: If/unless + present, Future

- *If I study, I'll pass*

- Second Conditional: If + past,would +inf.

- *If I studied, I would pass*



- Third Conditional: If + past perfect would have + pp

- *If I had studied, I would have passed*



Zero Conditionals

Tense : **Present tense** in both clauses

Example

:

Present Tense



Present Tense



If you **heat** water to 100°C, it **boils**.

If you **pour** oil into water, it **floats**.



Zero Conditionals

Use :

- **Talk about universal truth.**

*If you **heat** ice, it **turns** to water*

- **To talk about habits**

*If I **see** a spider, I **get** very scared!*



First Conditionals

Tense :

If-clause ~ **Present Tense**

Main Clause ~ **Future Tense**

Present Tense



Future Tense



If I **feel** sick tomorrow, I **will not go** to school.

If it **rains**, the match **will be cancelled**.



First Conditionals

Use :

- To speak about possible or probable future events.

*If the weather **is** as sunny tomorrow as it was today, we **will go** surfing.*

- To make promises or warnings

*If you **forget** my birthday, **I'll never speak** to you again.*

- To give commands

*If you **are** tired, **go** to bed!*

In this case the verb in the main clause is an Imperative



Exercise One. First Conditionals

1. If you do not come (not come),

You will miss (miss) the show.

2. John will buy (buy)a car if he

gets (get) a job.

3. Mary will get (get) a toothache if

she eats (eat) too many sweets.

Second Conditionals

Tense : If-clause ~ **Past Tense**
Main Clause ~ **would + an infinitive**

Example :

Past Tense

Would + infinitive

If he **were** a bird, he **would fly** across the harbour.

If I **had** \$200,000 now, I **would buy** a car.





Second Conditionals

Use :

- To speak about present and future situations which are unlikely to happen.

*If I **had** any money I **would lend** it to you.*

*If I **were** you I **wouldn't do** this.*



MIND

***Were** is often
used instead of
was in the 1st
and 3rd person
singular*

Third Conditionals

Tense : If-clause ~ **Past Perfect Tense**
Main Clause ~ **Would Have + Past Participle**

Past Perfect Tense

Would have+ Past Participle

If I **had had** enough money, I **would have bought** the camera yesterday.



If I **had come** home earlier, I **would not have missed** the programme.

Third Conditionals

Use :

- To speak about impossible past events

If **they'd gone** by bus, they **would have arrived** much later.

(They didn't go by bus)



He **would have travelled** around the world if he **had had** more money.

(Impossible to change, because he didn't have the money)





Exercise Two

1. If I **were** (be) four years old, I
 would learn (learn) to play the piano.
2. If I **had not failed** (not fail) in the
examination, my mother **would have bought** (buy)
me a new computer.
3. We **would have finished** (finish) if we
 had had (have) better preparation.



Conditional Sentences

Other connectors:

Type 1 : UNLESS

If you don't phone John, he'll get very angry.

Unless you phone John, he'll get very angry.



Unless can replace *If*
in negative conditionals



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Other connectors:

**PROVIDED / PROVIDING (THAT)/ WITH THE
CONDITION THAT/ AS LONG AS**

*You can stay **with the condition that** you
sleep on the couch.*

*I will go to the party **as long as** you go there too*

IMAGINE / SUPPOSE /SUPPOSING THAT

***Imagine that** you won a million
pounds, what would you do?*

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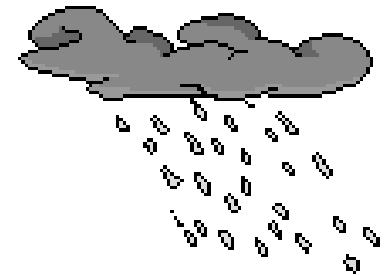
Other connectors:

EVEN IF

*I won't go to the party **even if** they beg me*

IN CASE

*Take an umbrella **in case** it rains*





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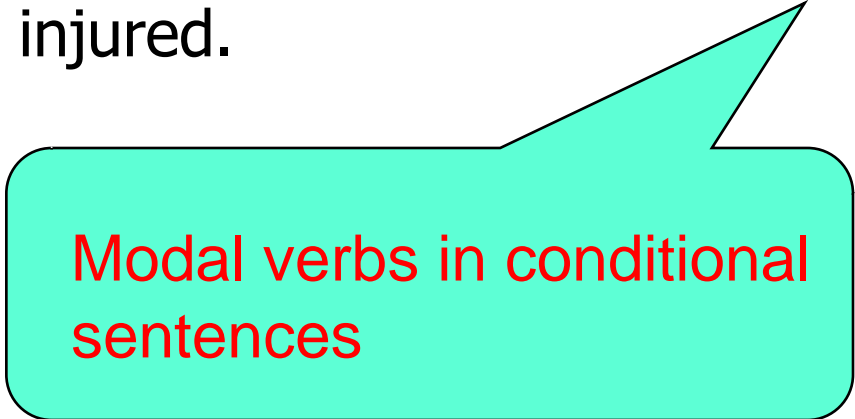
Variations:

Type 1, 2 and 3 :

If we are not careful, many species **may** become extinct.

If I were an aeroplane, I **could** fly in the sky.

If she hadn't worn her helmet, she **might** have been seriously injured.



Modal verbs in conditional sentences



Exercises

■ Identifying conditionals

I. Choose the correct answer.

1 - If I drink tea in the morning, it makes me feel sick.

- ☒ Zero Conditional
- ☐ First Conditional
- ☐ Second Conditional
- ☐ Third Conditional



Exercises

2 - I'll tell her if she comes.

☐ Zero Conditional

☒ First Conditional

☐ Second Conditional

☐ Third Conditional

3 - If I were you, I'd buy it as soon as possible.

☐ Zero Conditional

☐ First Conditional

☒ Second Conditional

☐ Third Conditional



Exercises

4 - If I had the time, I'd help you

- ☐ Zero Conditional
- ☐ First Conditional
- ☒ Second Conditional
- ☐ Third Conditional

5 – I would have done things differently if I had been the manager.

- ☐ Zero Conditional
- ☐ First Conditional
- ☐ Second Conditional
- ☒ Third Conditional



Exercises

6 - If you work hard enough, you may well pass.

- ☐ Zero Conditional
- ☒ First Conditional
- ☐ Second Conditional
- ☐ Third Conditional

7 – Water boils if you heat it to a hundred degrees celsius.

- ☒ Zero Conditional
- ☐ First Conditional
- ☐ Second Conditional
- ☐ Third Conditional



Exercises

8 - I would be surprised if it rained.

- ☐ Zero Conditional
- ☐ First Conditional
- ☒ Second Conditional
- ☐ Third Conditional

9 – If she'd tried harder, she might have succeeded.

- ☐ Zero Conditional
- ☐ First Conditional
- ☐ Second Conditional
- ☒ Third Conditional



Exercises

II. Choose the correct answer.

1 - If I you, I would tell him straightaway

- ☒ were
- ☐ am

2 - If you yellow and blue, you get green

- ☐ will mix
- ☒ mix

3 - If I, I would never have done it

- ☐ knew
- ☒ had known

4 - Unless you drinking, you'll have serious health problems.

- ☒ stop
- ☐ will stop



Exercises

5 - I there if I'd known about it

- ☒ would never have gone
- ☐ would never go

6 - If you see him, him to call me?

- ☒ will you ask
- ☐ would you have asked

7 - If I, I'd have done it myself

- ☐ were there
- ☒ had been there

8 - What would you do if the police you?

- ☒ arrested
- ☐ had arrested



Exercises

Finish these sentences using the correct verbal tense.

1. If they had listened, they.....**would have understood** (understand)
2. If he hadn't worn the helmet, he.....**Would have been** (Be) injured.
3. If he.....**spoke** (Speak) clearly, people would understand him.
4. If we miss this train, we.....**Will be** (Be) late for the interview.
5. The bank.....**Won't call** (not / call) if we pay the bill.
6. If you.....**met** (meet) Tom, you wouldn't like him.
7. If I found 100 in the street, I**Would keep** (Keep) it.
8. If I**knew** (Know) her number, I would phone her.
9. If he gets late, I**Will be** (be) angry.
10. I**won't buy** (Not/buy) that coat if I were you..
11. If I**had known** (Know) that you were ill last week, I'd have gone to see you.
12. If it stops raining, we**will go** (Go) on a trip.

Exercises

Choose the correct answer

- 1 If Teresa.....more sensible, she wouldn't get into trouble so often.
a) will be b) were c) had been **B**
- 2 me some ice cream if you go to the supermarket.
a) Got b) Get c) Have got **B**
- 3 If I.....late, will you wait for me?
a) be b) am c) will be **B**
- 4 If Vanessa had.....me the truth, I would not have been so angry.
a) told b) tells c) tell **A**
- 5 If you listen to her, you'll.....in trouble.
a) been b) being c) be **C**
- 6 If you had listen to her, you.....have been in trouble.
a) shouldn't b) wouldn't c) couldn't **B**
- 7 Nobody would.....the secret if Danny hadn't revealed it.
a) have known b) knew c) known **A**
- 8 Will you be all right by yourself if I..... out tonight?
a) go b) will go c) would go **A**
- 9 If I knew how to run my own business, I.....a rich man.
a) am b) will be c) would be **C**
- 10 If anyone....., say I'll be back about 7.30.
a) will phone b) phone c) phones **C**



I wish / If only

- We use **wish** and **if only +past simple/continuous** or **could** when we want a situation or thing in the present **to be different or to change**.

The time of the action referred to in the subordinate clause is **the same as** the time of making the wish.

- He **wishes** that he were rich.
- I **wish** I didn't have to leave.
- I **wish** he was waiting for me.
- I **wish** I could help you.



I wish / If only

- We use **wish + would** to **complain** about a thing or a situation.

*She **wishes** that you would come to the meeting tomorrow.*

*I **wish** you wouldn't be so rude.*

*I **wish** my mother would let me go out till late.*

*She **wishes** her child would sleep all night long.*





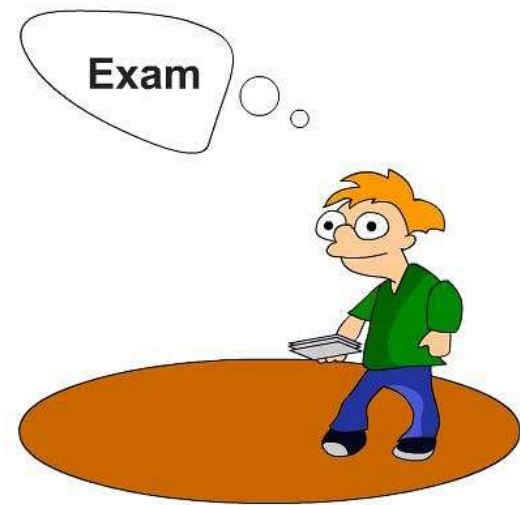
I wish / If only

- We use **wish / if only + past perfect / continuous or could have + p.p. *to express a wish about the past***

They **wish** that they had studied harder when they were young.

(they didn't study)

I **wish** I hadn't failed the exam
(I failed the exam)





Exercises

- **Pay attention to the underlined adverbs** indicating time. Complete each of the following sentences with the correct form of the verb shown in brackets.

1. I wish he **were** here now. (to be)
2. I wish that you **Had been** here yesterday. (to be)
3. We wish you **Would come** tomorrow. (to come)
4. You will wish you **Would come** earlier. (to leave)
5. They wished he **Would come** with them the next day. (to come)
6. We wish you **Had arrived** yesterday. (to arrive)



Exercises

7. I wish that he Would visit us next year. (to visit)
8. She wishes that she were at home now. (to be)
9. You wish that he had helped you last week. (to help)
10. He will always wish he were rich. (to be)
11. The boy wished that he Would win the competition the next day. (to win)
12. She will wish she Had made the arrangements earlier. (to make)
13. I wish the weather were warmer now. (to be)
14. We always wished we were fluent in other languages. (to be)
15. They wish he Would telephone them next week. (to telephone)



Mixed exercises

- Choose the correct option

1.-Meg would do better at French if she worked harder.

- a. Meg will never succeed at French.
- b. Meg is very good at French.
- c. Meg usually works well at French.
- d. Meg doesn't work hard enough.

D

2.-If the plane hadn't been delayed by bad weather, we wouldn't have been late

- a. Although the plane was late, we were on time
- b. The weather made us late.
- c. The bad weather did not interfere with the plane's arrival.
- d. We were not late although the weather was bad.

B



Mixed exercises

3. If you ask someone the way, you'll find the Modern Museum of Art easily.

- a. Most people can tell you where the Modern Museum of Art is.
- b. It is very difficult to find the Modern Museum of Art, even if you ask how to get there.
- c. Did you find the Modern Museum of Art when you wanted to go there?
- d. Did you ask someone the way to the Modern Museum of Art?

A

4. If I were you, I'd get a job.

- a. I think you should get a job.
- b. I need a job.
- c. I had a good job, but I left it.
- d. You are going to get a job soon.

A



Mixed exercises

5. The doctor said that if Mrs Allen went on a diet, she would lose weight.

- a. Mrs Allen does not need to be careful with what she eats.
- b. Mrs Allen has always been careful with what she eats. .
- c. Mrs Allen should eat more.
- d. Mrs Allen should eat less.

D

6. Jessica would have passed the exam even if I hadn't helped her.

- a. Jessica passed the exam without help.
- b. Jessica failed because no one helped her.
- c. Without my help, Jessica would not have passed.
- d. Jessica didn't really need any help at all.

D

Note: For more practice click:

[if clauses, Conditional sentences - Grammar Exercises - Learning English](#)

Mixed exercises

- What would you do in these situations

You are alone in the forest at night without a phone.



If I were alone in the forest I would try to use the stars.

You met the genie.



If I met the genie, I would ask him for my three wishes.

Mixed exercises

- What would you do in these situations

One day you read in a newspaper an article about you. The article was telling about your private life.



If I read an article about my private life, I'd look for a lawyer.

Your favourite singer wrote a song for you.



If my favorite singer wrote a song for me, I'd be excited.

Mixed exercises

- What would you do in these situations

You are going to a date. But suddenly a bird made your jacket dirty.



If a bird made my jacket dirty, I'd run to buy other.

You enter the classroom and suddenly realize that you've forgotten to dress your trousers.



If I forgot to dress my trousers, I'd try to invent some explanation.

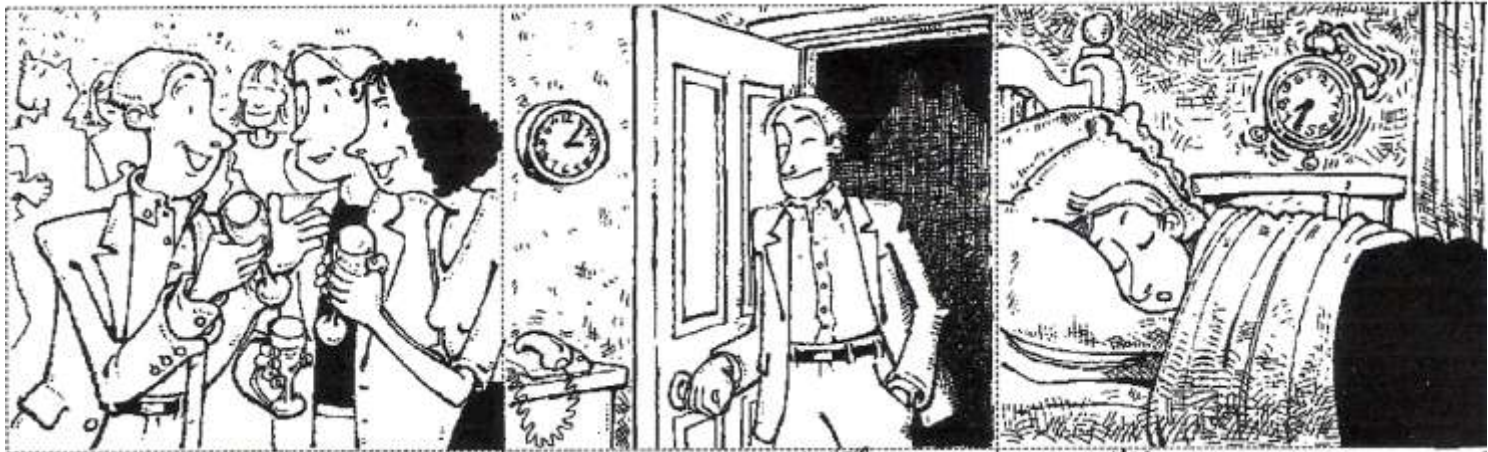
Third Conditional story



Look at this photo story.

Third Conditional story

- Write what happened in each picture.



He went to a party

He overslept.

He arrived home very late.

Third Conditional story

- Write what happened in each picture.



He missed the bus

He was late for work and
his boss was very angry.

Third Conditional story

- Write what happened in each picture.



His boss was angry and he was
dismissed

He went for a walk.

Third Conditional story

- Write what happened in each picture.



He met a girl and they
fell in love.



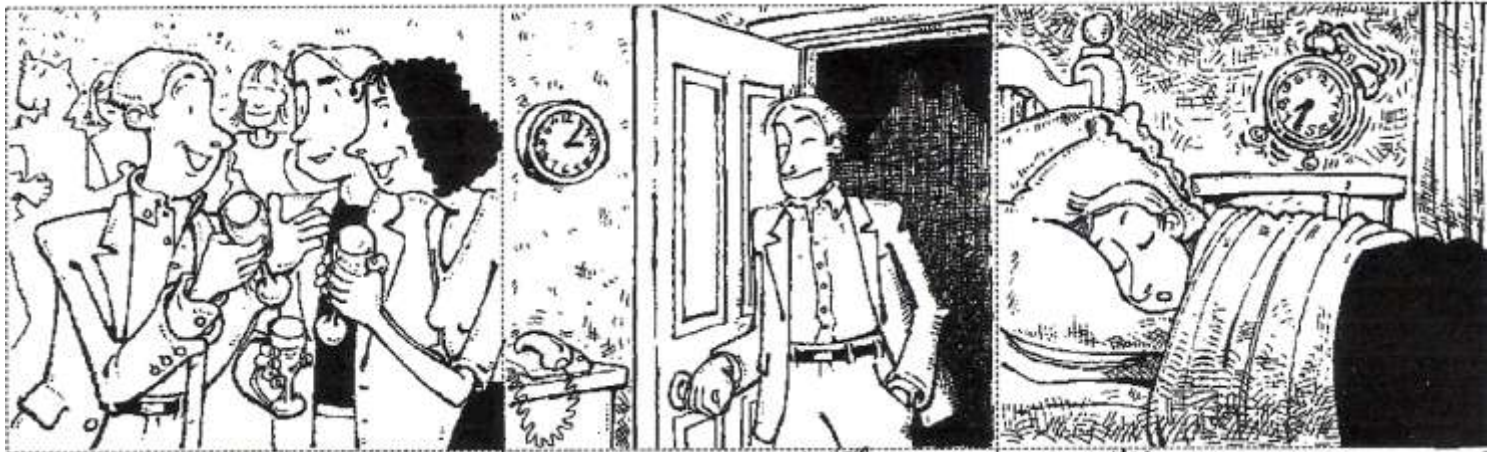
They got married.



Now they have three children.

Third Conditional story

- Write what would have happened if....



If he hadn't gone to a party..... he wouldn't have arrived home late.

If he hadn't arrived home very late..... he wouldn't have overslept.

Third Conditional story

- Write what would have happened if....



If he hadn't overslept.....

he wouldn't have missed the bus.

If he hadn't missed the bus.....

he wouldn't have been late for work.

Third Conditional story

- Write what would have happened if....



If he hadn't been late for work,..... his boss wouldn't have got angry.

If he hadn't been dismissed..... he wouldn't have gone to the park.

Third Conditional story

- Write what would have happened if....



If he hadn't gone to the park,..... he wouldn't have met a girl.

If he hadn't met the girl..... he wouldn't have got married and wouldn't have had three children.

Third Conditional story

- Therefore



If he hadn't gone to the party,..... he wouldn't have got married.



Web pages

Note: For more practice use you you can click:

- <http://www.isabelperez.com/conditionals1.htm>
- <http://www.miguelmllop.com/practice/intermediate/grammar/conditionals8.htm>
- <http://www.better-english.com/grammar/condit23.htm>
- <http://www.miguelmllop.com/practice/intermediate/grammar/conditionals7.htm>
- <http://www.ego4u.com/en/cram-up/grammar/conditional-sentences/type-1/exercises?02>
- <http://www.geocities.com/athens/olympus/7583/condprac1.html>
- <http://a4esl.org/q/h/vm/if-clauses.html>

Any questions?



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ATTENTION



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DAY!