

CONDITIONAL SENTENCES

(IF CLAUSES)

Conditionals are used to describe the result of something that might happen (in the present or future) or might have happened but didn't (in the past). Conditional sentences are divided into 4 different types.

It's not important which clause comes first

ZERO CONDITIONAL

We use the zero conditional to talk about things that are always true.

- If you heat water, it boils.
- When the sun goes down, it gets dark.
- It lights up if you push that button.

Structure : *If + Present Present*

FIRST CONDITIONAL

We use the first conditional when we talk about real and possible situations.

- I'll send her an invitation, if I find her address.
- If it is cold, you must wear warm clothes.
- If you play the lottery, you may become a millionaire someday.
- If I study conditionals, I will speak better English

Structure : *if + present simple will/can/may/must + infinitive.*

SECOND CONDITIONAL

We used the second conditional to talk about 'unreal' or very unlikely or impossible things or situations.

- If I found her address , I'd sent her an invitation.
- Where would you live if you could live anywhere in the world?
- If you studied harder , you might pass the test.

Structure : *if + past simple would/could/might + infinitive.*

THIRD CONDITIONAL

It talks about the past. It's used to describe a situation that didn't happen, and to imagine the result of this situation.

- If I had found her address , I would have sent her an invitation.
(but I didn't find it , so I couldn't send it to her.)
- If I hadn't been so busy, I could have helped you.
(but I was very busy , so I couldn't help you.)
- If we had taken a taxi, we might not have missed the plane.

Structure: *if + past perfect, ...would/could + have + past participle.*

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(IF CLAUSES) **TEST**

1. If it's a nice day tomorrow we _____ go to the beach.
2. If you feel sick, you _____ stay in bed.
3. He _____ have saved more money, if he had worked more.
4. I _____ have raised my hand, If I had known the answer.
5. If it were not raining, we _____ go out.
6. If we don't hurry, we _____ miss our bus.
7. If I won the lottery, I _____ travel around the world.
8. If I didn't want to go, I _____ tell you.
9. If I hadn't been so busy, I _____ have helped you.