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We use conditional sentences to describe how an action or situation affects its result. These conditional sentences refer to future time.

STRUCTURE

A **clause** consists of a subject and a predicate.

Main clauses are those that can be alone as a sentence.

CONDITIONALS = main clause , if-clause

Action /
situation

Result

A **comma** separates the two clauses only if the result clause goes first in the sentence.

TYPES

There are three conditional types:

- ❖ Type 0: truth condition
- ❖ Type 1: probable condition
- ❖ Type 2: improbable condition
- ❖ Type 3: impossible condition

Result
If I have enough money,

Action
I will go to USA

Action
I will go to USA

Result
if I have enough money

EXAMPLES



TYPE 0 - ZERO TRUTH CONDITION

{ IF + present simple } + { present simple }

If it snows, the ground is slippery

- The **Zero Conditional** is frequently used to describe facts and general truths (laws of nature).
- Examples:
 - *If you cool water at 0°, it freezes.*
 - *If you water a cactus everyday, it dies in a short time.*
 - *You get purple, if you mix red and blue.*
 - *If you visit the Madame Tussaud's, you see many wax figures.*
 - *If ice is heated, it melts.*



TYPE 1st

PROBABLE CONDITION

{ IF + present simple } + { will / won't + infinitive }

If I have time, I will help you

- The **First Conditional** is used to talk about things which are possible in the present or the future – things which “may happen” in the future.
- Examples:
 - *If it's sunny, we'll go to the park. (Maybe it will be sunny – that's possible)*
 - *If you help me with the dishes, I will help you with your homework.*
 - *If you want to buy the novel, you will have to go to a bookshop.*
 - *She won't go to the party if she isn't invited.*
 - *You will pass the test if you study hard.*
 - *if you eat so much, you will get a stomach-ache.*



TYPE 2nd

IMPROBABLE CONDITION

{ IF + past simple } + { would + infinitive }

If I knew her name, I would tell you

- The **Second Conditional** is used to talk about 'impossible' or unreal situations. The situation or condition is improbable, impossible, imaginary, or contrary to known facts.

- Examples:

- *If I knew his number, I would phone him.*
- *If I were you, I would visit London.*
- *If I had a lot of money, I would buy a car.*
- *If I went to supermarket, I would buy a good fish.*
- *If I lived near the beach, I would go here every day.*
- *If I studied a lot, I would pass my exam.*
- *If I changed my job, I'd be much happier.*

Contracted form: I'd

I would



If I had won the lottery ...



I would be rich

TYPE 3RD

IMPOSSIBLE CONDITION

$\left[\text{IF} + \text{past perfect} \right] + \left[\text{would} + \text{have} + \text{Past participle} \right]$

If it hadn't rained, we would have had lunch in the garden

- The **Third Conditional** is used to talk about 'impossible' conditions, impossible because they are in the past and we cannot change what has happened.

- Examples:

- *We might have bought the last Harry Potter book in the shop if we had arrived earlier.*
- *I wouldn't have been late for school if I hadn't forgotten to set my alarm clock*
- *If he had told the truth, we would have believed him.*
- *If they had invited me to their party, I'd have brought some wine.*
- *If she hadn't forgotten the compass, she wouldn't have got lost.*
- *If he hadn't stolen the money, he wouldn't have gone to jail.*



TYPE 3RD

IMPOSSIBLE CONDITION



REVIEW



ZERO CONDITIONAL – TRUTH CONDITION

Real situations, general truths

You get purple, if you mix red and blue

FIRST CONDITIONAL – PROBABLE CONDITION

Situations that are possible or likely to happen.

If he finishes his homework, he'll go to the cinema.

SECOND CONDITIONAL – IMPROBABLE CONDITION

Situations which are imaginary or unlikely to happen.

If I met Leonardo DiCaprio, I'd ask him for his autograph.

THIRD CONDITIONAL – IMPOSSIBLE CONDITION

Imaginary or hypothetical situations in the past.

If she had got up earlier, she wouldn't have missed the train.

Conditionals

Zero, First, Second and Third Conditions.

