

Lesson4: CONDITIONALS

1) Zero Conditional (type 0) :

Rule:

-The zero conditional describes situations that are always true: such as a general or scientific truth.

(If) has the same meaning as **when** or **whenever**.

*We use **the present simple** tense in both the main clauses and the if clause.

Examples If you heat water, it boils. / If it rains , I take my umbrella with me.

2) First Conditional (type 1):

Rule:

-The first conditional sentences are used to speculate about possible situations that can really happen at present or in future.

* We make if clauses with **if + present tense and main clauses with the future (will + stem) .**

Examples: If she works hard, she will pass the exam.

If we catch the 10:15 a.m train, we will arrive on time.

3) Second Conditional (type 2):

Rule:

- In the second conditional sentences we speculate about situations that will probably never happen (impossible) at present time or in the future.

* We make if clauses with **if + past tense and main clauses with would + stem .**

* **Note:** The main difference between the first conditional and the second conditional is about probability: the first conditional is realistic, the second conditional is unrealistic.

Examples: If he was rich, he wouldn't work. / If I had more time , I would help you.

If I won a million dollars, I would start a business on my own.

4) Third Conditional (type 3):

- In the third conditional sentence the situation is a regret about an event that had happened in the past.

* We make if clauses with **if + past perfect and main clauses with would + present perfect (have + past participle)**.

Examples: If I had read the question well, I would have taken a better mark.

If we had saved more money, we would have bought the car.

Activity: Complete these sentences with the right type of Conditional:

- If I have to make a speech I pretty nervous. (to be)
- If I you were sleeping I would not have woken you. (to know)
- If the weather fine tomorrow we will be able to get to the beach. (to be)
- If her hair were black she completely different. (to look)
- Theyto the meeting if they had been informed about it. (not to come)
- If the trip hadn't been so expensive, we reservations for a better hotel. (to make)
- If they for a permission he would have agreed. (to ask)
- I willthe money if you pay me back next week. (to give)
- The workers..... the road if they had had enough tools. (to build)
- If it yesterday we would have gone on a picnic. (not to rain)
- If they locked the door properly nobody into their house. (to break)
- If he much time he would go to the university. (not to waste)
- If we..... To Dresden, it will be a fantastic trip. (to go)
- Ithe school bus, if idon't get up early. (to miss)
- You will catch cold, if you a pullover. (to wear)
- If Marcus sings in the shower, Ithe radio full volume. (to turn up)
- If you drink more of this sweet lemonade, you sick. (to be)
- If I don't see Claire today, I her this evening. (to phone)
- Harriet would stay longer in Vienna, if shemore time. (to have)
- If Carlos.....sailing , he will need a life jacket. (to go)
- I.....to her, if I knew her address. (to know)
- The salad... better, if you added some garlic. (to taste)