

Zero Conditionals

We use zero conditionals to talk about *the real present*.

present simple
present continuous



present simple
imperative

If you **want** to learn English you have to **practice** a lot.

If you **know** the answer **raise** your hand.

When I **fly** I always **try** to get to the airport really early.

When it **snows** in England many schools **are** closed.

1st Conditionals - Future

We use first conditionals to talk about *realistic future* events.

Part I



Part II

present simple
present continuous

will, may, might, should, must
+ base form

If

If it **rains** tomorrow we **won't go** anywhere.
If we **aren't working** when the boss **arrives** she **might be** angry.

If we **don't leave** soon we **may miss** the train.

When

When I **find out** the truth I **will call** you at once.

When I **see** him I'll **ask** him about it.

Until

Until your kids **get** home you **shouldn't go** to bed.

Until I **find out** the truth I **will never stop** searching.

Unless

Unless we **find** some new clients we **will have to** close the business.

Unless it **rains** soon all the plants **will die**.

As soon as

As soon as I **get** home I **will send** you a message.

Before

Before you **leave** you **must come** and see me.

I hope...

I hope it **doesn't rain** tomorrow.

I hope you **feel** better soon.



You can always change the order of the sentence.

If it rains tomorrow we won't go anywhere = We won't go anywhere if it rains tomorrow

Before I leave I'll speak to you again = I'll speak to you again before I leave

2nd Conditionals - Present

We use second conditionals to talk about an *imaginary* present.

	Part I	Part II
	past simple past continuous	would / might + base form
If...	If I had more money If I was cleverer* If I didn't have a baby If I wasn't trying to lose weight If we were looking for new employees	I would buy a car. I might have a better job. I wouldn't be so tired. I would eat the whole cake. we would definitely hire you.
I wish...	I wish I had a dog. I wish I could do more to help you. I wish they weren't coming to the party.	

We also use them to talk *theoretically* about future events that we don't expect to happen.

	past simple past continuous	would / might + base form
If...	If I went to space If I won the lottery If England won the FIFA World Cup If it snowed in July	I would take lots of photos. I would quit my job. the players would become legends. I would be very surprised.
I wish...		it would stop raining my neighbour would turn his music off the lesson would end

You can always change the order of the sentence.

* In the past it was correct to say *If I were*, *if he were* and *if she were* instead of *If I/he/she was*. Now most people say **was**, except in the expression *If I were you...*

3rd Conditionals - Past

We use 3rd Conditionals to talk about an *imaginary* past.

	Part I	↔	Part II
	past perfect past perfect continuous		would / might + base form
If...			If you hadn't helped me I couldn't have done it. If we had left earlier we wouldn't have missed the train. If you had kept quiet they might not have seen us. If I had been concentrating I wouldn't have crashed the car. If you hadn't been sleeping you would have heard the phone ring.
I wish...			I wish I hadn't drunk so much last night. I wish I had worked harder before the exam. I wish I had been working when my boss arrived.

Mixed Conditionals

	Part I	↔	Part II
	past		present
If			If I hadn't eaten so much I wouldn't feel sick now. If I had gone to university I might have a better job now. If I had gone to bed earlier I wouldn't be so tired now
	present		past
If			If I were you I wouldn't have said that. If I was taller I would have become a volleyball player. If I wasn't ill I would have gone to work today.