

Conditionals

Zero Conditional	First Conditional	Second Conditional	Third Conditional
Possible at any time, but most commonly in present	Possible in the future	Impossible in the present/ possible but improbable in the future	Impossible in the past
<u>if + present (simple, continuous, perfect)</u> & <u>present (simple, continuous, perfect)</u>	<u>if+ present (simple, continuous, perfect) or modals</u> & <u>will (be going to, may, can, should, present simple)</u>	<u>if+ past (simple, continuous)</u> & <u>would (could, might) + infinitive</u>	<u>if+ past perfect (past perfect continuous, might have, could have)</u> & <u>would have + past participle</u>
<p>1) situations that can occur at any time (more than once) and their results <i>If you press this key, the game starts</i></p> <p>2) Actions which always have the same result <i>If you use hot iron on nylon, it melts</i></p> <p>3) general instruction <i>If you want to start, press red button</i></p>	<p>1) possible future events and their results <i>If the weather is fine, we will go for a walk</i></p> <p>2) command <i>If you come home late, don't wake us up!</i></p> <p>3) offer <i>I'll call the hotel if you don't have time</i></p> <p>4) warnings <i>I'll call the police if you don't leave now!</i></p>	<p>1) improbable future event or situation <i>If I won a lottery, I would buy an island</i></p> <p>2) a hypothetical current situation which is contrary to known facts <i>If I knew the answer I would tell you</i></p> <p>3) giving advice <i>If I were you, I would do it</i></p> <p>4) polite request <i>If you could help me, I would be very grateful</i></p> <p>5) desires, regrets <i>If we didn't work so hard, we could spend more time together</i></p>	<p>1) a hypothetical situation in the past is contrary to known facts <i>I wouldn't have got wet if I had taken an umbrella</i></p> <p>2) criticism <i>If you had been driving more slowly, you could have stopped in time.</i></p>

Alternative to IF

unless	negative (if not)	<i>I'll go unless you stop me – I'll go if you don't stop me</i>
provided that, on the condition that,	necessary (only if)	<i>We will deliver tomorrow provided that all the bills are paid</i>
suppose, what if	imaginary what if?	<i>Suppose he asked you to go to the cinema, would you go?</i>
in case		<i>I'll come in case you are there (I don't know whether you'll be there)</i>
even if	unexpected	<i>Even if they do all the tasks, they won't be paid in time</i>
when		<i>I'll tell you when I have all the information</i>

