

CONDITIONALS

ZERO CONDITIONAL: express something that is certain, real and always happens such as general facts and universal truths.

e.g. *If water reaches 100 degrees Celsius, it boils. (This is a fact.)*
If you cut a man, he bleeds. (This is a fact.)
If I exercise, I feel good. (This always happens.)

Form:

IF + PRESENT TENSE, PRESENT TENSE

FIRST CONDITIONAL: express something that is probable, real and will probably happen in the future.

e.g. *If she studies, she will get good grades. (It's possible that this will happen.)*
If it rains, I will stay at home. (It will probably rain.)
If I fail the exam, I will be sad. (I think I might fail it.)

Form:

IF + PRESENT TENSE, WILL + INFINITIVE

SECOND CONDITIONAL: expresses something that is improbable, unreal and not likely to happen in the future.

e.g. *If I had the money, I would buy a new car. (I don't have the money so I can't buy a new car.)*
If I were you, I would ask her for help. (I'm not you.)
If I won a million dollars, I would travel round the world. (I don't have a million dollars.)

Form:

IF + PAST TENSE, WOULD + INFINITIVE

THIRD CONDITIONAL: expresses something that was improbable, unreal and not likely to happen in the past.

e.g. *If I had had the money, I would have bought a new car. (I didn't have the money so I didn't buy a new car.)*
If she had called me, I would have come. (She didn't call so I didn't come.)
If I had been in the accident, I would have died there. (I wasn't in the accident.)

Form:

IF + PAST PERFECT TENSE, WOULD HAVE + PAST PARTICIPLE

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>

I. Zero conditional – complete the sentences:

1. If you boil water, it _____.
2. If you freeze water, it _____.
3. If you heat metal, it _____.
4. If you don't sleep, you _____.
5. If you heat water to 100 degrees Celsius, it _____.

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II. First conditional – complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- a. If we (not go) now, we (miss) the bus.
- b. You (be) tired if you (not sleep).
- c. If the Spanish team (get) to the final match, they (be) the World Champions.
- d. If you (help) me, I (give) you a lot of money.
- e. If we (sing) some carols, they (be) happy.
- f. They (read) the whole essay if they (like) it.

III. Second conditional – paraphrase the following sentences

- 1- I won't buy it because I don't have enough money.
If.....
- 2- I won't make my bed because I'm in a hurry.
If
- 3- He won't go to the movies because he doesn't like American films.
If
- 4- I never do my homework – that's why the teacher is always angry with me.
If
- 5- I don't have a car so I have to take the bus.
If

IV. Third conditional – rewrite the following sentences.

1. He didn't get the job because he forgot to come to the interview.
If _____
2. I didn't do any part-time jobs while I was at school, so I gained no work experience.
If _____
3. William broke into a house and went to prison.
If _____
4. It was more expensive because you didn't go by bus.
_____ if _____
5. She didn't get better because she refused to go to the doctor.
If _____
6. We didn't pass the test because we didn't study.
_____ if _____
7. He didn't go out with us because he broke his leg.
If _____
8. He broke his leg because he fell.
_____ if _____