Kompetence v jazykovém vzdělávání

CONDITIONALS

1) FIRST CONDITIONAL

Form:
- **If + present tense**, + **will** + base form of verb
  - o **If** it **rains**, I'**ll** stay at home.
- **Will** + **base form of verb** (no comma) + **if** + **present tense**
  - o I'**ll** stay at home **if** it **rains**.

Use:
The first conditional expresses a *possible condition* and *a probable result* in **FUTURE.**

CONDITION→→→→RESULT	RESULT→→→→CONDITION
If I see Jane, I will tell her.	I will tell Jane **if I see** her.
If it rains tomorrow, we'll stay at home.	We'll stay at home **if it rains** tomorrow.
If Simon gets a cheap flight, he will go to London next week.	Simon will go to London next week **if he gets** a cheap flight.
If I don't pass the exam, I'll be sad.	I'll be sad **if I don't pass** the exam.

2) SECOND CONDITIONAL

Form:
- **If + past simple**, *would* + base form of verb
  - o **If** I **had** some money**, I would travel** around the world.
- *would* +base form of verb (no comma) **if + past simple**
  - o I **would** travel around the world **if** I **had** some money.

Use:
The second conditional expresses a *hypothetical condition* and *its probable result*. We use the past tense although the speaker is talking about the **PRESENT** or **FUTURE**.

*If I **had** some money, I **would travel** around the world. (…. But I don't have the money, so I can't travel anywhere.)*

*If she **was** younger she **would start** her own business. (….But she is too old to do it now.)*

NOTES:

✓ With "**I**" and "**he/she/it**" we often use "**were**" instead of "was" in conditional sentences, especially when we write. It is more formal: *If I **were** you, I **would write** him a letter.*

✓ Where appropriate, we can also use "**could**" or "**should**" instead of "**would**".

PRACTICE: 1ˢᵗ and 2ⁿᵈ conditional

1 Match the beginnings and endings of these sentences.

A You are sure to be late ...   1 ...if you explain it to them.

B If I had their address ...   2 ...I'll take an umbrella.

C They'll understand it all right ...   3 ...I could write and ask them.

D If Tom didn't work so much ...   4 ...I might lose a bit of weight.

E If it rains in the afternoon ...   5 ...if you miss the bus.

F If I took more exercise ...   6 ... he wouldn't get so tired.

2 Complete the sentences by putting the verb in brackets in the correct tense.

1 If you _____ (ask) Liz, she will tell you what to do.

2 I won't help you with your homework if you _____ (not stop) watching TV.

3 They would work harder if they _____ (not be) so tired.

4 I would have a word with Jack if he _____ (be) at home.

5 Peggy _____ (go) shopping if she _____ (have) time in the afternoon.

6 If he _____ (care) about other people's feelings, he wouldn't behave that way.

7 She _____ (not be) successful if she doesn't learn to control her temper.

8 If you _____ (send) this letter now, she _____ (receive) it tomorrow.

9 You _____ (be able/ not) to sleep if you _____ (watch) this scary film.

10 If I _____ (find) your ring, I _____ (give) it back to you.

11 If her boyfriend _____ (phone / not) today, she _____ (leave) him.

12 If they _____ (study / not) harder, they _____ (pass / not) the exam.

3) THIRD CONDITIONAL

<u>Form:</u>
- **_If_ + <u>past perfect</u>**, _would_ + <u>past infinitive</u> (= "have + past participle")
  - o **_If_ I <u>had earned</u>** enough money**, I would <u>have travelled</u>** around the world.
  OR
  - o I would **_have travelled_** around the world if I **<u>had earned</u>** enough money.

<u>Use:</u>

The third conditional expresses an **_unreal condition_** and **_its probable result_** in the **PAST**.

If I **had earned** enough money, I **would have travelled** around the world. (…. But <u>I didn't earn</u> enough money, so <u>I couldn't travel</u>.)

PRACTICE: 3rd conditional

3 All following sentences <u>refer to the past</u>. Complete them in the form of the third conditional.

1 If I had got up earlier, I would _____(catch) the bus.

2 If I_____(know) it, I wouldn't have gone there.

3 If I_____(study) harder, I _____(pass) the exam.

4 If I _____(not leave) so early, I _____(meet) her.

5 If you _____(drive) more carefully, you _____(not have) an accident.

6 If we_____(play) a little better, we _____(win) the match.

 7 We _____(go) to the cinema if we _____(get) the tickets.

8 I _____(call) Mike if I _____(not lose) his telephone number.

9 If Greg _____(not be) late for work, he _____(not lose) his job.

10 Paula_____(join) the project if she _____(have) more information about it.