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

Form:
- ***If* + past perfect**, *would* + **past infinitive** (= "have + past participle")
  - *If I **had earned** enough money**, I **would have travelled** around the world.*
  **OR**
  - *I would **have travelled** around the world if I **had earned** enough money.*

Use:

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 I didn't earn enough money, so I couldn't travel.)*

## PRACTICE: 3rd conditional

**3 All following sentences refer to the past. 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.