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If conditional

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Definition

- “conditional is a type of sentence that is made up of an if-clause (**condition**) and a main clause (**result**). It is used to describe a situation that might happen or might have happened.”
- The if-clause can be the first or the second part of the sentence:
 - If you study, you will pass the exam.
 - You will pass the exam if you study.

Zero conditional

- **Usage:** to express general truth/situations that are always true or possible.
- **Rule:** If+ present simple+ present simple
- **Example:** If you heat ice, it melts
- If you don't brush your teeth, you get cavities.
- If it rains, the grass gets wet.

First conditional

- **Usage:** to express a possible or realistic condition and its probable result.
- **Rule:** If+ present simple+ future simple
- **Example:** If I go to the mall, I will buy something.
- If you study hard, you will pass the exam.
- If you don't hurry, you will miss the train.

Second conditional

- **Usage:** to express a hypothetical condition and its probable result.
- **Rule:** If+ **past simple**+ **would**+ **verb(base form)**
- **Example:** If I **were** you, I **would** **accept** the offer.
- If I **inherited** a billion dollars, I **would** **travel** to the moon.
- If I **were** 20, I **would** **travel** the world.

Third conditional

- **Usage:** to express an unreal past condition and its probable result in the past.
- **Rule:** If+ **past perfect**+ **would have**+ **past participle**
- **Example:** If I **had saved** my money, I **would have bought** a car.
- If I **had studied**, I **would have passed** my exams .

Exercise

Complete the Conditional Sentences. Decide whether to use Type I, II or III.

- If I had time, I..... (go) shopping with you.
- If you..... (speak) English, you will get along with them perfectly.
- If they had gone for a walk, they.....(turn) the lights off.

Exercise

- If she..... (come) to see us, we will go to the park.
- I would have told you, if I (see) him.
- Would you mind if I (open) the window?
- If they (invite) me, I wouldn't have said no.
- My friend (meet) me at the station if he gets the afternoon off.

Exercise

- If I (not/do) it, nobody would do it.
- If my father (not/pick) me up, I'll take the bus home.

Exercise

Complete the Conditional Sentences Type I.

- If you(go) out with your friends tonight, I(watch) the football match on TV.
- I(earn) a lot of money if I(get) that job.
- If she(not /hurry) , we(miss) the bus.

Exercise

Complete the Conditional Sentences Type II.

- If he(try) harder, he(reach) his goals.
- I(buy) these shoes if they(fit) .
- It(not/surprise) me if he(not/know) the answer.

Exercise

Complete the Conditional Sentences Type III.

- If we(listen) to the radio,
we(hear) the news.
- If you(switch) on the lights,
you(not/fall) over the chair.
- She(come) to our party if
she(not/be) on holiday.

Exercise

Complete the Conditional Sentences with the correct form (Type I, II or III).

If I (be) stronger, I would help you carry the piano.

- If we had seen you, we..... (stop).
- He would have repaired the car himself if he (have) the tools.

Exercise

Complete the Conditional Sentences with the correct form (Type I, II or III).

- If you drop the vase, it (break).
- If I hadn't studied, I (not/pass) the exam.
- I wouldn't go to school by bus if I..... (have) a driving licence.

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