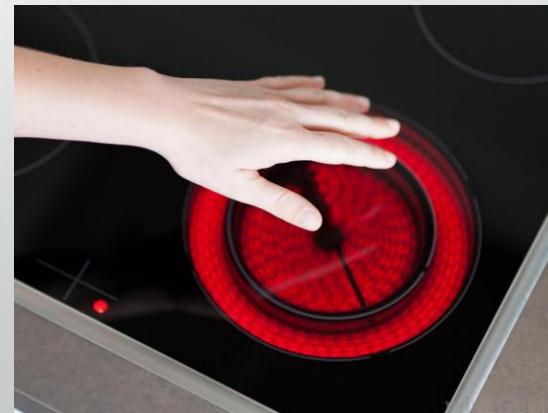


Conditional Tense: Overview and Examples

- The conditional tense in English is used to express situations that depend on certain conditions. There are four main types of conditional sentences: **zero**, **first**, **second**, and **third** conditionals.
- Each type serves a different purpose and follows specific grammatical structures.

The zero conditional

- ❑ The zero conditional is used for universal truths or facts that are always true. It describes situations where the outcome is certain if the condition is met.
- ❑ Structure: If + present simple, present simple
- Examples:
 - If water reaches 100°C, it boils.
 - If you touch a hot stove, you get burned.



The first conditional

- ❑ The first conditional is used for real and possible future events. It expresses a likely outcome that depends on a specific condition.
- ❑ Structure: If + present simple, will + base form of the verb
- Examples:
 - If it rains tomorrow, I will stay home.
 - If you study hard, you will pass the exam.



The second conditional

❑ The second conditional describes hypothetical or unlikely situations in the present or future. It often reflects wishes or dreams that are not grounded in reality.

❑ Structure: If + past simple, would + base form of the verb

- Examples: If I won the lottery, I would travel around the world.
- If she were taller, she would play basketball.



The third conditional

- ❑ The third conditional refers to unreal situations in the past. It discusses how past events could have led to different outcomes if conditions had been different.
- ❑ Structure: If + past perfect, would have + past participle
 - Examples:
 - If I had known about the party, I would have gone.
 - If they had studied harder, they would have passed the exam.

Conditional Sentences: (If - Clauses)

1 Type - 0 Zero Conditional Sentence

If-Clauses

Present Simple (V1/V5)

If you run fast,

Main Clause

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you get tired soon.

2 Type - I Probable Conditional Sentence

If-Clauses

Present Simple (V1/V5)

If you run fast,

Main Clause

shall/will/can/may + V1

you will win a medal.

3 Type - II Improbable Conditional Sentence

If-Clauses

Past Simple (V2)

If you ran fast,

Main Clause

should/would/could/might + V1

you would win a medal.

4 Type - III Unfulfilled Conditional Sentence

If-Clauses

Past Perfect (had +V3)

If you had run fast,

Main Clause

should/would/could/might + have V3

you could have won a medal.

Test

- Complete the following sentences:
- 1. If you talk loudly, you _____ (wake up) the baby.
- 2. 'You _____ (be) much happier if you had been an ordinary man,' said the princess to the King.
- 3.) If José did not speak good English, he _____ (not move) to London.
- 4. I don't think that I am coming to the party, but if I change my mind, I _____ (tell) you.
- 5. If I _____ (be) careful enough, I wouldn't get hurt during the handball competition.
- 6. Things _____ (catch) fire more easily if the weather is dry.