

# 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-Clause

Present Simple (V1/V5)

*If you run fast,*

Main Clause

Present Simple (V1/V5)

*you get tired soon.*

## 2 Type - I Probable Conditional Sentence

If-Clause

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-Clause

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-Clause

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.