

Conditionals

Zero conditional

- **If + present simple, present simple.**

We use the zero conditional when we know the result will always happen, a general fact. We have the 'if' clause and the 'main clause', which is the result.

For example: If it rains, you take an umbrella.

'If' can also be replaced by when, without changing the meaning of the sentence.

When it rains, you take an umbrella.

More examples:

- If you **eat** too much candy, you **get** cavity.
- If you **touch** a dangerous snake, you **get** bitten.
- Plants **die** if they **don't get** water.

First conditional

- **if + present simple, ... will + infinitive**

We use the first conditional to talk about things which might happen in the future, possible things, which could easily come true.

Examples:

- If I **miss** the interview, I **won't get** the job.
- If **it's** sunny, I'**ll go** to the beach.
- If she **has** enough money, she'**ll buy** a new car
- If it **rains**, I'**ll carry** my umbrella

Second conditional

- **if + past simple, ... would + infinitive**
- We use the second conditional to talk about:
 1. Hypothetical situations (things that are not likely to be true) We use 'were' instead of 'was' with 'I' and 'he/she/it'

Examples:

- If I **won** the lottery, I **would buy** a yacht.
 - If I **were** rich, I **would travel** all over the world
 - If she **were** tall, she **would be** an international model
2. something in the present, which is impossible because it's not true.

Examples:

- If I **had** money, I **would buy** this pair of shoes
- If we **were** mechanics, we **would repair** the car and get to the party on time

Third conditional

- **if + past perfect, ...would + have + past participle**

We use the third conditional to talk about a situation that didn't happen, and to imagine the result of this situation.

Examples:

- If we **had practiced** enough, we **would have won** the match.
- If I **had taken** my umbrella, I **wouldn't have been** rained on.
- If she **had taken** a bus, she **would have missed** her appointment.
- I **wouldn't have been** late if I **had gone** by taxi.