



# **Conditionals**

## **Part 1: Understanding the Conditionals**

### **Zero Conditional:**

*How to form the Zero Conditional:*

- *Use the simple present tense in both clauses.*
- *Structure: If + present simple, present simple.*
  - Examples:
    - If it rains, the ground gets wet
    - If you heat ice, it melts.
    - If the sun sets, it gets dark.

### **First Conditional:**

*How to form the First Conditional:*

- *Use the simple present tense in the "if" clause and the future simple tense in the main clause.*
- *Structure: If + present simple, future simple.*
  - Examples:
    - If it rains tomorrow, we will stay indoors.
    - If I have time, I will call you.
    - If she studies hard, she will pass the exam.

### **Second Conditional:**

*How to form the Second Conditional:*

- *Use the simple past tense in the "if" clause and the conditional (would + base form) in the main clause.*
- *Structure: If + past simple, would + base form.*
  - Examples:
    - If I won the lottery, I would travel around the world.
    - If I had a car, I would drive to work.
    - If they had more money, they would buy a new house.

### **Third Conditional:**

*How to form the Third Conditional:*

- Use the past perfect tense in the "if" clause and the conditional perfect (would have + past participle) in the main clause.
  - Structure: If + past perfect, would have + past participle.
    - Examples:
      - If he had studied, he would have passed the test.
      - If I had known, I would have come to the party.
      - If she had listened, she wouldn't have made that mistake.
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Here are 20 fill-in-the-blank sentences for practice with different conditionals. Choose the appropriate conditional (zero, first, second, or third) to complete each sentence:

1. If she \_\_\_\_\_ (study) harder, she would have passed the exam.
2. If it \_\_\_\_\_ (snow) tomorrow, we will build a snowman.
3. If they \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) for directions, they wouldn't be lost now.
4. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (know) you were coming, I would have baked a cake.
5. If he \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a car, he could drive to work.
6. If we \_\_\_\_\_ (not leave) early, we would have missed the train.
7. If you \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) me, I would have helped you with the project.
8. If the weather \_\_\_\_\_ (be) nice, we will go for a hike.
9. If she \_\_\_\_\_ (invite) me, I would have attended the party.
10. If they \_\_\_\_\_ (not forget) their passports, they could have traveled abroad.
11. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (know) Spanish, I would communicate with them more easily.
12. If the alarm \_\_\_\_\_ (ring), we would have woken up on time.
13. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) you, I would apologize.
14. If he \_\_\_\_\_ (exercise) regularly, he would be healthier.
15. If it \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) next week, we will postpone the picnic.
16. If they \_\_\_\_\_ (call) earlier, we could have made reservations.
17. If you \_\_\_\_\_ (not eat) so much, you wouldn't feel sick now.
18. If we \_\_\_\_\_ (not miss) the bus, we wouldn't be late.
19. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) taller, I could reach that shelf.
20. If the chef \_\_\_\_\_ (not add) so much salt, the dish would have been perfect.

### Extended Activities:

- Create two sentences for each of the four conditionals. Be creative!
- Think of a situation where you recently applied one of the conditionals in real life. Describe it briefly.

### Conversation Questions:

1. If you could travel to any place in the world, where would you go, and why?

2. If you had the ability to time travel, would you go to the past or the future? What era or time period would you visit?
  3. If you won the lottery tomorrow, what would be the first thing you'd do with the money?
  4. If you could have dinner with any historical figure, who would it be, and what questions would you ask them?
  5. If you were stranded on a deserted island and could only bring three items, what would they be, and why?
  6. If you could switch lives with someone for a day, who would it be, and what would you do in their shoes?
  7. If you had the power to change one thing about the world, what would it be, and how do you think it would impact society?
  8. If you could relive one day from your past, which day would it be, and what would you do differently, if anything?
  9. If you were given the opportunity to meet your future self, what advice would you ask for, and what would you want to know about your future?
  10. If you had the chance to pursue any career or hobby without worrying about practicality or finances, what would you choose, and why?
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### Answers:

Here are the answers with the appropriate conditionals:

1. If she **had studied** harder, she would have passed the exam. (Third Conditional)
2. If it **snows** tomorrow, we will build a snowman. (Zero Conditional)
3. If they **had asked** for directions, they wouldn't be lost now. (Third Conditional)
4. If I **had known** you were coming, I would have baked a cake. (Third Conditional)
5. If he **had** a car, he could drive to work. (Second Conditional)
6. If we **had not left** early, we would have missed the train. (Third Conditional)
7. If you **had told** me, I would have helped you with the project. (Third Conditional)
8. If the weather **is** nice, we will go for a hike. (Zero Conditional)
9. If she **had invited** me, I would have attended the party. (Third Conditional)
10. If they **had not forgotten** their passports, they could have traveled abroad. (Third Conditional)
11. If I **knew** Spanish, I would communicate with them more easily. (Second Conditional)
12. If the alarm **had rung**, we would have woken up on time. (Third Conditional)
13. If I **were** you, I would apologize. (Second Conditional)
14. If he **exercised** regularly, he would be healthier. (Zero Conditional)
15. If it **rains** next week, we will postpone the picnic. (Zero Conditional)
16. If they **had called** earlier, we could have made reservations. (Third Conditional)
17. If you **had not eaten** so much, you wouldn't feel sick now. (Third Conditional)
18. If we **had not missed** the bus, we wouldn't be late. (Third Conditional)
19. If I **were** taller, I could reach that shelf. (Second Conditional)
20. If the chef **had not added** so much salt, the dish would have been perfect. (Third Conditional)

