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## CONDITIONAL CLAUSES

### ZERO CONDITIONAL (če je... je...)

It refers to the present and is always true.

If (=when) it rains, the roads are slippery.

**IF + Present Simple, Present Simple**

IF I DON'T DRINK  
ENOUGH,  
I GET A HEADACHE

### FIRST CONDITIONAL (če bo... bo...)

It refers to the future and is likely to happen.

If John visits me tonight, I will make dinner.

They will wait for me if I am late.

**IF + Present Simple, Will future**

IF I'M LATE, I'LL  
HAVE TO TAKE NEXT TRAIN  
I'LL HAVE TO TAKE NEXT TRAIN IF I'M LATE.

### SECOND CONDITIONAL (če bi... bi...)

It refers to

a) the future and is unlikely to happen

If it snowed tomorrow, we would go skiing soon.

I would go around the world if I won the lottery.

b) the unreal present

If I were rich, I would buy a yacht. = Were I rich...

I would take you to the seaside if I had a car.

**IF + Past Simple, Would + infinitive**

IF I WON THE LOTTERY, I'D BUY YACHT.

IF I KNEW ALL THE ANSWERS, I'D BE A GENIUS.

### THIRD CONDITIONAL (če bi bil ... bi bil...)

It refers to the past and the condition cannot be fulfilled.

If John had visited me last night, I would have told him the news.

They would have waited for me if I had been late.

Had I been late, they would have waited for me. = If I had been late... (inversion)

**IF + Past Perfect, Would + have + Past Participle**

IF (HAD WE GONE)  
WE HAD GONE TO ITALY  
LAST WEEK, WE WOULD HAVE BEEN COVERED  
IN SNOW.

## A COMBINATION OF PRESENT AND PAST

If I had worked in a company before, I would be more experienced. (**past C3, present C2**)

If I were rich, I would have bought that computer last week. (**present C2, past C3**)

## OTHER STRUCTURES THAT EXPRESS HYPOTHESIS

WISH, IF ONLY, I'D RATHER, IT'S TIME, PROVIDED/SUPPOSING

I wish I were taller. (But I AM not.)

I wish I had passed all the exams. (But I DID not).

16 RATHER YOU HAD

If only you spoke Italian. (But you DO not.)

If only you hadn't said that! (But you DID.)

I'd rather you didn't wear a lot of make-up. (But you DO.)

*I'd rather you...* is often used as a polite way to tell someone to do something differently.

I'll come in with you. – I'd rather you waited outside.

ITS TIME I STOPPED WORKING HERE

It's time we moved somewhere else; this house is too small.

Provided/Supposing you were incredibly rich, would you still keep your job?

### WOULD

*Wish + would* can express dissatisfaction or irritation because someone WILL keep doing something.

I wish you'd stop smoking.

I WISH YOU WOULDN'T/POULDN'T INTERRUPT ME.

If we're not talking about willingness, *wish + would* is not used.

I wish my birthday wasn't in December. (\*I wish it would be...)

Exercise – Rewrite the sentences below beginning as shown.

1 He didn't get a job in Paris so he didn't move there. If

2 Janet talks about her friends behind their back. I wish

3 Joe will see you now. You will be able to present you project. If

4 Don't use my office when I'm not here. I'd rather

5 Carl is unemployed. He can't make ends meet. If

6 You don't know anyone important so it's difficult for you to get a job. If

7 Why do you always interrupt me? I wish

8 John doesn't have any children so he has no real responsibility in life. Supposing

9 We couldn't do the shopping because the shops were closed. If

10 Could you speak to my assistant instead, please? I'd rather

6. IF YOU KNEW ANYONE IMPORTANT, IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO GET A JOB.

7. I WISH YOU (WOULDN'T) DIDN'T ALWAYS INTERRUPT ME.

8. SUPPOSING JOAN HAD CHILDREN, HE'D HAVE (SOME REAL) RESPONSIBILITIES.

9. IF THE SHOPS HADN'T BEEN CLOSED, WE COULD DO THE SHOPPING.  
(HAD BEEN OPEN) ↗

10. I'D RATHER YOU SPOKE TO MY ASSISTANT.  
(INSTEAD)

WE SURE DAT WOULD

(LATE: WE WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE)