

If All Trees Were Bread &
Cheese

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CONDITIONALS

- States that something will happen if a condition is fulfilled.
- Begins with *if, unless, until* etc.
 - * If it rains tomorrow, we will stay indoors.
 - * If we are late, we wont be allowed to enter the class.
 - * Until the boss permits, you cannot go on a vacation.

Types of Conditionals

1. Zero Conditional
2. First Conditional
3. Second Conditional
4. Third Conditional.

Zero Conditional

- Expresses general truths.
- The time referred to is “now/ always”
- The situation is real and possible, that is almost always true.
- **If + Simple Present + Simple Present**
- Eg. - If you heat ice, it melts.
 - If people break the law, they get punished.
 - If it rains, the grass gets wet.

First Conditional

- Situations where the result is highly likely.
- A real possibility that the result will happen.
- If + Simple Present + Will (Simple Future)
- Eg. - If you plan properly, you will succeed.
 - If people break the law, they will get punished.

Second Conditional

- Refers to an unreal condition.
- Situations where the result is highly unlikely.
- The condition itself is not real, hence the result may not happen at all
- **If + Simple Past+ Would**
- Eg. - If I found some money on the road, I would give you a treat.
 - If we went a little farther, we would meet the monk.
 - If I had some spare money, I would go on a vacation.

Third Conditional

- Refers to an impossible condition.
- Situations where the result is not possible at all.
- The event and its result has already occurred, hence a new result is not possible.
- If + Past Perfect (Had + ed form of verb)+
Would Have
- Eg. - If we had played well, we would have won the game.
 - If you had studied well, you would have passed the exam.
 - If he had taken the 7:30 bus he would

Conditional Phrases other than 'IF'

- Unless & Provided that

- gives a more exclusive meaning

Eg - Unless you pass the test, we will not buy the new bike for you

- You can play the game provided that you help your mother clear the table.

- If & Unless

- used with non finite/ verb-less clauses

Eg - You are to come to college unless otherwise informed.

- If Only

- a stringer form of 'if'
- expresses a wish fulfillment

Eg - If only someone had warned us, this would not have happened.

- In Case

- Indicates a precaution, not condition
- something we do in advance to be ready if there is a problem.

Eg – I packed some extra clothes in case if we decided to extend our stay.

- 'In case of' means the same as 'if'- expresses a condition.