

Condition & hypothèse

Le conditionnel 0

If you drop an apple, it falls. On peut généralement remplacer *if* par *when*: *when you run everyday you get fitter.*
Il s'emploie pour exprimer des vérités générales, des faits scientifiques (d'où l'emploi du présent simple).

Complete with the prompts: you don't wear a helmet - a dog bites - the dvd player comes on - You have more chance of being killed - you add sugar

If _____, it tastes sweet.

You can end up brain damaged if _____.

If you press this switch, _____.

_____ if you go near its food when it's eating.

_____ if you don't wear a seat belt.

Le conditionnel 1

Une action future dépend de la réalisation d'une autre, qui est possible.

Attention: *will* n'apparaît que dans la principale et pas dans la subordonnée introduite par *if*.

I will buy you a drink if I see you tomorrow.

I will buy some Cheddar cheese if I go to England.

If I have time today, I will phone my friend.

if... not = unless: Tomorrow I will go hiking unless it rains = I will go hiking if it doesn't rain. (to hike = faire de la randonnée)

1 If Clare _____ late again, the hockey trainer will be furious. (to arrive)

2 You'll be sorry if you _____ for your exams. (to revise)

3 Unless you're a mother you _____ (not understand) = If _____

4 They _____ you if you wear a wig and dark glasses. (to recognise)

5 If the bus _____ on time, I won't miss the football. (to be)

Le conditionnel 2

Exprime l'irréel du présent (ou du futur). On emploie le prétérit après *if* et *would* dans la principale.

If I were you, I wouldn't do that. (I am not you - therefore the condition is unreal).

Souvent employé pour exprimer un souhait (qui n'est donc pas un fait réel): *If I won the lottery I would buy a big house.*

Attention: dans un anglais soutenu, on emploie *I / he were*: *If I were Chinese, I would know how to eat with chopsticks.*

1 I _____ that if I were you. It's bad luck. (to do)

2 They'd be a better team if they _____ fitter. (to be)

3 If I had some spare money, I _____ a DVD player. (to buy)

4 Those children _____ so horrible if their parents were stricter. (to be)

5 I wouldn't go out with him even if you _____ me. (to pay)

Le conditionnel 3

Exprime une condition dans le passée, qui ne s'est pas réalisée.

If I had worked harder, I would have made more money.

If I hadn't helped you, you would have failed.

1 I wouldn't be angry if you _____ my chocolate mousse. (to eat)

2 If he had known you were in hospital, he _____ you. (to visit)

3 We wouldn't have come by taxi if we _____ the right bus. (to find)

4 We would have visited the Prado gallery if we _____ time. (to have)

5 If you hadn't been asking me questions all the time, I _____ the film.(to enjoy)