first conditional

- possible outcome
- likely outcome

If she studies hard, she will pass the test.

condition

likely outcome

Pattern 1

if + **present** **,**
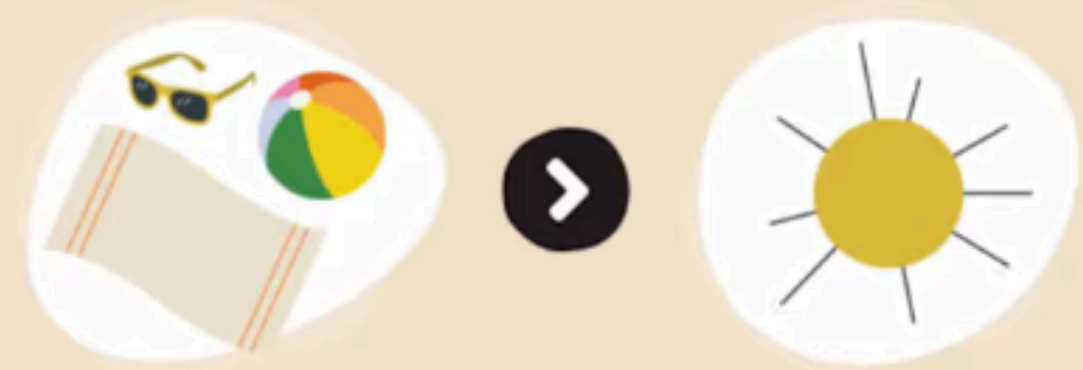
will + **verb**

If it **is** sunny tomorrow, we **will go** to the beach.

Pattern 2

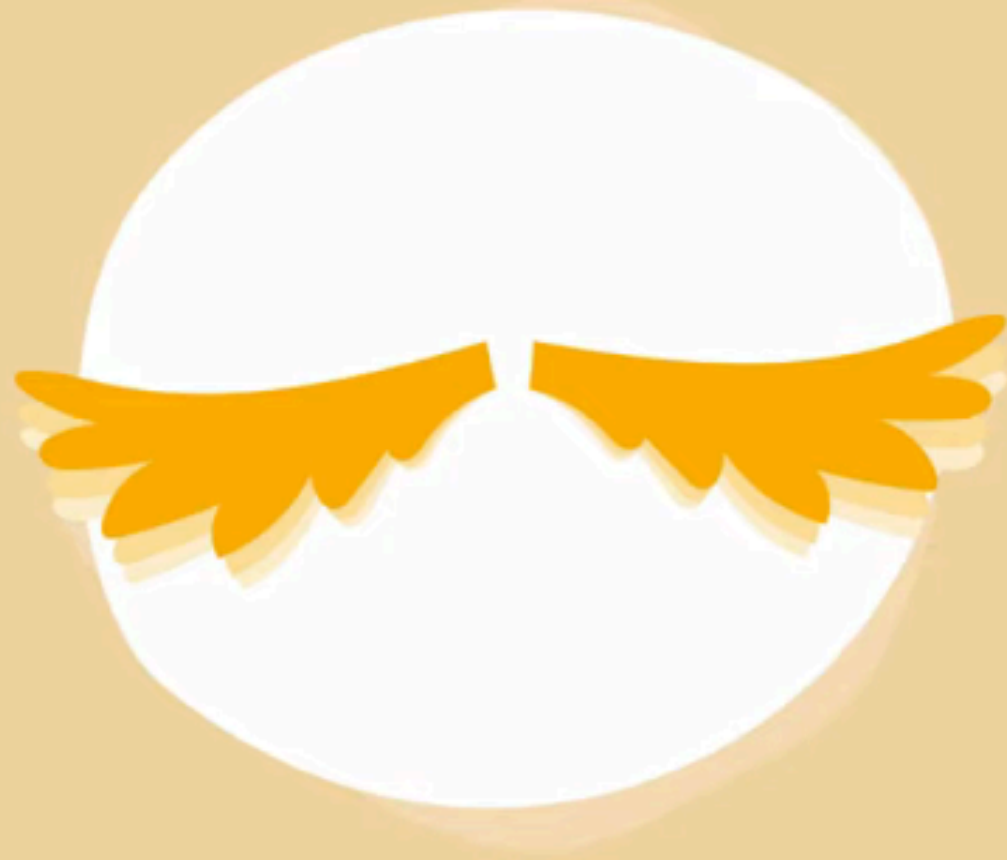**will** + **verb**

if + **present**

We **will go** to the beach **if** it **is** sunny tomorrow.

second conditional

- unlikely outcome
- impossible outcome

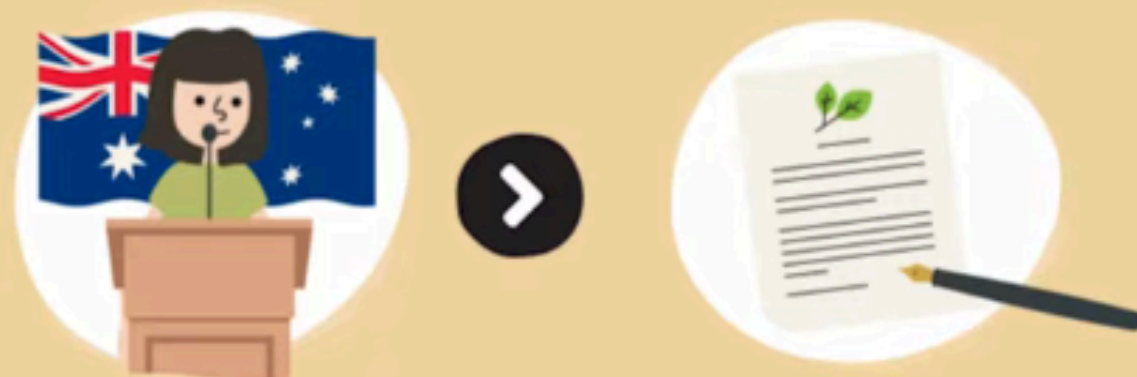*impossible situation*

If I had wings, I would fly up to the stars.

impossible condition | impossible outcome

Pattern 1

if **+** **past** **,**

would **+** **verb**

If I **were** the leader of this **country**, I **would make** many changes.

Pattern 2

would **+** **verb**

if **+** **past**

I **would make** many changes **if** I **were** the leader of this country.

third conditional = past conditional

- express a past regret
- imagine a different outcome

If I had studied harder, I would have passed the test.

imagined condition

imagined outcome

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Pattern 1

if + **had** + **p.p.** **,**

would + **have** + **p.p.**

If it **had been** a nicer day,
we **would have gone** to the beach.

Pattern 2

would + **have** + **p.p.**

if + **had** + **p.p.**

We **would have gone** to the beach
if it **had been** a nicer day.

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