

# Conditionals

## Notes

Independent clause - a complete sentence.

Jim studied in the Sweet Shop for his chemistry quiz.

Dependent Clause - a group of words that contains a subject and verb but does not express a complete thought. A dependent clause cannot be a sentence.

Conditionals always contain an independent and a dependent clause, if a conditional does not have both, it is wrong.

## Zero Conditional

**If/When + present tense | present tense**

**Describes what happened in *general*.**

Used to talk about possible events and the effects of them. If I <u>stay up</u> late, I <u>feel</u> awful the next day. When I <u>drink</u> coffee, I <u>don't sleep</u> well.	Actions always have the same result If you <u>use</u> a hot iron on plastic, it <u>melts</u> . When babies <u>are</u> hungry, they <u>cry</u> .
General instructions If you <u>want</u> to start, <u>press</u> the red button.	Can happen at any time When you <u>press</u> the key, the game <u>starts</u> . If you sit in the sun, you get burned.

## First Conditional

**If + present tense | future tense will**

**Describes a *particular* situation.**

Likely events in the future IF something happens. If I <u>pass</u> English, I'll <u>have</u> a big party. If you <u>call</u> me, I <u>will go</u> to the movies.	Command If you <u>come</u> home late, <u>don't wake</u> me up!
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	When the dog <u>jumps</u> on the couch, I <u>will</u> <u>stop</u> him.
Offer I'll <u>call</u> the hotel if you <u>don't have</u> time.	Warning I'll <u>call</u> the police if you <u>don't leave</u> now! If you <u>sit</u> in the sun, you <u>will get</u> burned.

## Second Conditional

**If + past tense | would, could, might + verb**

**Describes something in the present that is impossible.**

Unlikely or impossible situations in present and future If I <u>won</u> the lottery, I'd <u>donate</u> all the money. People <u>might behave</u> differently if they <u>had</u> a chance to repeat their life.	Hypothetical current situations If I <u>knew</u> the answer, I <u>would tell</u> you. If I <u>had</u> his number I <u>would call</u> him.
Giving advice If I <u>were</u> you, I <u>would do</u> it.	Polite request If you <u>could help</u> me, I <u>would be</u> very grateful.
Desires, regrets If we <u>didn't work</u> so hard, we <u>could spend</u> more time together.	

## Third Conditional

**If + past perfect | would, could, might + have + past participle**

**Describes something that did NOT happen in the past, but you are imagining it did.**

<p>Used to speculate about the past</p> <p>If we'd <u>had</u> more money, we'd <u>have gone</u> to the States last year.</p> <p>If you'd <u>told</u> me the truth in the first place, I <u>wouldn't have asked</u> the teacher.</p>	<p>Hypothetical situation in the past is contrary to known facts</p> <p>I <u>wouldn't have gotten</u> wet if I <u>had taken</u> an umbrella.</p>
<p>Criticism</p> <p>If you <u>had been driving</u> slower, you <u>could have stopped</u> in time.</p>	