

CONDITIONAL TENSES

(Construction)	Your notes/translation
Examples	
Zero Conditional: <i>Always true</i>	This conditional is used when the result will <u>always</u> happen. The result of the 'if clause' is always the main clause. Here, the 'if' in can usually be replaced by 'when' without changing the meaning.
(if + present simple, ... present simple)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If (When) you heat water to 100 degrees, it boils. If (When) babies are hungry, they cry If (When) you touch a fire, you get burned. 	
1st Conditional <i>Easily possible</i>	This conditional is used when the result might happen in the future. We don't know if it will happen, but it is <u>easily possible</u> that it will happen.
(if + present simple, ... future)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If it rains tomorrow, we will go to the cinema. If I study today, I will go to the party tonight. I will buy some new shoes if I have enough money. 	
2nd Conditional <i>Not very possible</i> <i>or impossible</i>	1. Talking about things in the future that are <u>probably not going to happen</u>. Maybe I'm imagining some dream for example. 2. Talking about something in the present that is <u>impossible</u>, because it's not true.
(if + past simple, ... would + infinitive)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If I had a lot of money, I would travel around the world. (1) If I had his number, I would call him. (2 - I don't have his number now, so it's impossible for me to call him). 	
3rd Conditional <i>Did not happen</i>	It talks about the past. It's used to describe a situation that <u>didn't happen</u>, and to imagine the result of this situation.
(if + past perfect, ... would + have + past participle)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If she had studied, she would have passed the exam (but really we know she didn't study and so she didn't pass) If I hadn't eaten so much, I wouldn't have felt sick (but I did eat a lot, and so I did feel sick). 	

In summary:

(-) Impossible	Not very possible	Easily possible	Always true (+)
2 nd conditional (present) 3 rd conditional (past)	2 nd conditional (future)	1 st conditional	zero conditional
Talking about a specific condition			Talking in general

Look at the tenses:

- 0 Conditional -** If an employee **is** unhappy, productivity **goes** down.
General statement/always true.
- 1st Conditional -** If it **rains**, I **will** take my umbrella.
Easily possible.
- 2nd Conditional -** If I **was** more healthy, I **would go** for a trek in the Himalayas.
Not very possible
- 3rd Conditional -** If she **hadn't made** a stupid mistake, she **would have won** the competition.
Impossible (She did make a stupid mistake)