**Type 0 – PRESENT**

**TYPE 1- FUTURE**

**REAL CONDITIONALS**

**The 2nd Conditional ( Type 2)**



***USE***

The second conditional is used to talk about **imaginary** situations **in the present and the future**. Note that some of the imaginary situations are actually impossible.

*If I were a rich man, I wouldn’t have to work hard.* (It’s imaginary-it’s very unlikely I will get rich.)

*If I had a car, I would give you a lift*. (I don’t have A car)

* As well as the past simple we can use the past continuous (e.g. **was doing)** in the if-clause.

*If Rachel* ***was playing*** *her stereo, it wouldn't be so quiet in here.*

* In a type 2 if-clause we sometimes use **were** instead of was, especially in the clause if I **were you.**

*If I were you, I’d*…. is used **to give advice**.

If I were you, I’d apologize to her

*If I* ***were*** *you, I'd ask a lawyer for some advice.*

* The main clause often has **would.** We can also use **could** or **might.**

*If we had a calculator, we* ***could*** *work this out a lot quicker.*

*If Rachel worked harder, she* ***might*** *do even better at her studies.*

* The if-clause usually comes first, but it can come after the main clause.

*If I knew, I'd tell you./ I'd tell you* ***if*** *I knew.*

**First or Second Conditional?**

Both conditionals refer to present and future. **The difference is about probability, not time.** First Conditional sentences are real and possible; Second Conditional sentences express situations that will probably never happen.

If I lose my job, I’ll have so many financial problems.

If I lost my job, I wouldn’t be able to find another one.

***Compare***

* *Dear Liz,*

*Here’s a postcard from Chicicastenengo. You’re right; the market here is great. I would like to stay here a few more days, but Mike doesn’t like the idea! Anyway, I’ll keep trying. If he agrees, we will probably spend some more time around here. I have already bought many things. I will buy Aunt Maurie an Indian carpet before we leave, if I have enough money left, of course!*

* *Dear Liz,*

*Here’s a postcard from Chicicastenengo. You’re right; the market here is great. I tried to convince Mike to stay here some more time, but he doesn’t want to. If he agreed, we could spend some more time in this little Guetamala town. I have already bought many things. I don’t have any money left. If I had some money, I would buy a carpet for Aunt Marie. She would be glad.*

*IF I PASS THE PREP SCHOOL,….*

*IF I PASSED THE PREP SCHOOL,……..*

***PRACTICE***



**Complete the sentences with your own ideas. Use the second conditional.**

**1.**If I won one million dollars in the lottery, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**2.**The world would be a better place if \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**3.**If I were an English teacher, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**4.**If people had wings, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**5.**If I didn’t eat for a week,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_