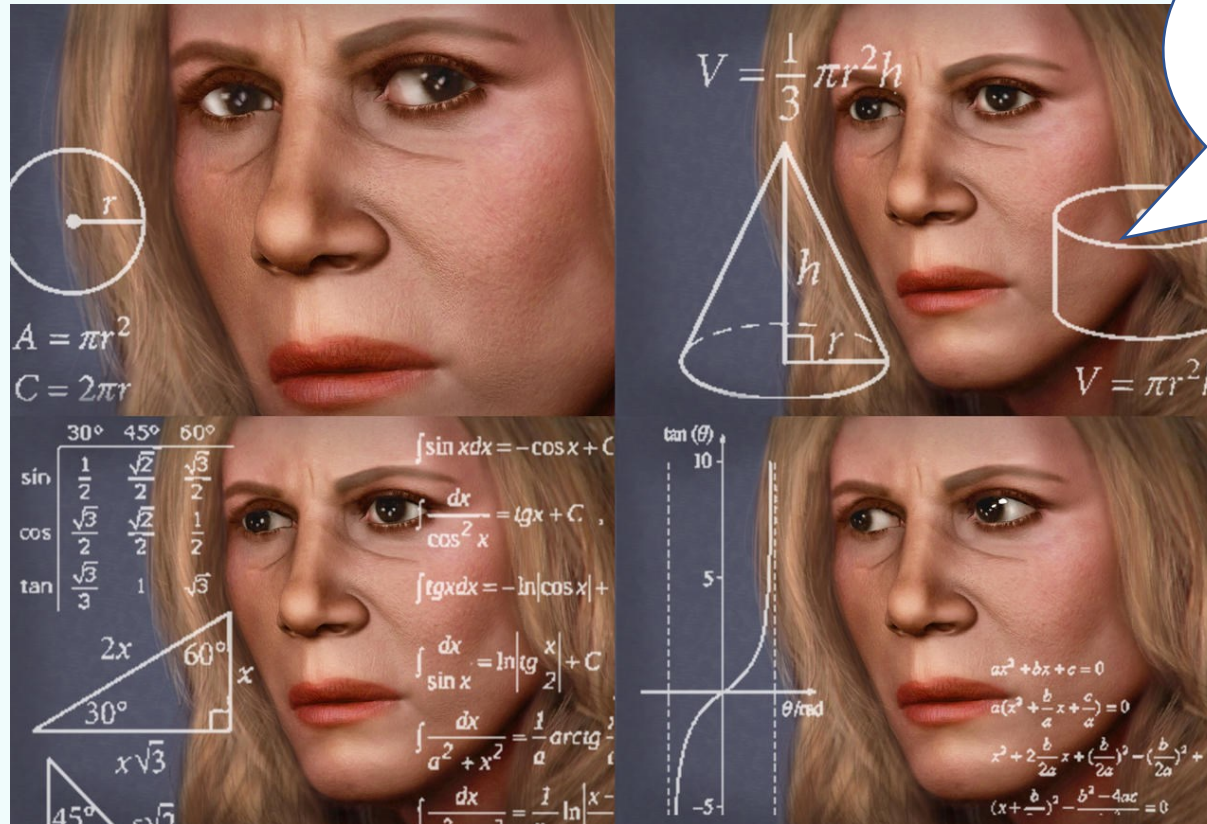


# conditional sentences

....and how  
the hell to  
use them



When I **was** a school pupil, I **was** afraid of reading aloud.  
 Every time I **came** up with an idea, my boss **cried** with happiness.

past                      past

**0** Next time you **are** in Paris, by all means **visit** the Louvre.  
 When you **eat** pasta, you **shouldn't cut** it with a knife.  
 When you **heat** silver at 200°C, it **melts** fast.

present                      present, imperative or modal

**1** If the weather **is** OK tomorrow, we **will start** erecting the house walls.  
 When I'm **getting** married, I'm **going to ban** formal dresses for guests!

present                      future

**2** If we **had** that sum of money, we **would buy** a Maybach.  
 Honestly, if I **were** you, I **wouldn't tell** him your secrets.

past                      would + infinitive

**3** If we they **had studied** better last year, they **wouldn't have been** expelled.  
 If I **had accepted** that offer, I **would have become** a team leader.

past perfect                      would + have + past participle

how real?	what tense?
real	past
real (universally true)	present
real	future
unreal	present
unreal	past



# mixed conditionals

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If I **had accepted** their offer 2 years ago, now I **would be** a Marketing Director.

If we **hadn't bought** our house last year, now I **would cost** us a lot more.

past perfect

would + infinitive

past condition  
> present effect

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If I **weren't** so shy and lacking confidence, I **would have got** that job already.

If the plumber **didn't waste** so much time, he **would have installed** all the taps by now.

past

would + have + past participle

present condition  
> past effect

