

CONDITIONAL (IF) CLAUSES

TYPE 1 It's quite possible or probable that (talking about a future situation)

If it **rains** this afternoon, we **will go** to the cinema.

If + present tense , "shall/will" future

TYPE 2 It's possible, but not very probable. (talking about a future situation)

If I **had** a million pounds, I **would give** it to you.

If+ past tense , conditional I (would + base form)

use "were" in formal English and in: "If I were ..."

TYPE 3 It did not happen and it's impossible now. (talking about a past situation)

If I **had run** faster, I **would have caught** the bus.

If+ past perfect, conditional II (would have + past participle/3rd form)

OTHER TYPES OF CONDITIONAL

1) for instructions or general truths

If you **drink** too much alcohol, your liver **suffers**.

If + present tense , present tense

2) for requests or suggestions

If you **go** away, please **write** to me.

If you **want** to improve your overall health, **give up** smoking.

If + present tense, imperative

3) If you **hadn't done** this, I **would be** dead now.

If + past perfect , conditional I