

CONDITIONALS

1st Conditional: The Real Present (possible & probable)

If + present tense → will / can / may + infinitive

If it **rains**, we'll **stay** at home but if the sun **shines**, we'll **have** a picnic. (it might happen)
She'll **have** bad marks if she **doesn't study**.

2nd Conditional: The Unreal Present (improbable; also used to give advice)

If + past simple → would / could / might + infinitive

If she **had** a lot of money, she'd **buy** a sports car. (untrue in the present)

He'd **paint** his flat if he **had** time (But he doesn't have time so he hasn't)

If I **were** you, I'd **see** a doctor. (giving advice) *We use were for all cases*



3rd Conditional: The Unreal Past (impossible in the past)

If + past perfect → would / could / might + have + past participle

! *Past perfect* = **had + past participle** !

If you **had told** me, I **would've helped** you. (it didn't happen in the past)

She **would've passed** the exams if she **had studied**.



Unless = if not

If you **don't water** the flowers, they'll die. =

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Exercises:

Write in 1st Conditional

1. If /I/ not play / football /this afternoon / I / meet / my friends for a coffee

2. I / eat your cabbage / if you / not want / it

3. He / play / snowball fights/ if / it / snow

4. If / the bus / not arrive / soon / we / be / late

5. If / she / not call me / I / not be able to tell her about the test tomorrow

Write in 2nd Conditional

6. If / I / win / the lottery / I / travel around the world

7. If / I / be / you / I / go on a diet

8. If / he / have / a good job / he / have / more money

9. If / the house / be / cheaper / they / buy / it

10. She / marry / him / if / he / ask / her

C. Write in 3rd Conditional

1. If / I / have / a car / I / let / you use it

2. If / he / pay attention / during the lesson / he / understand

3. If / they / read / the newspaper / they / know / about the economic crisis

4. It / the food / not be / so good / we / not eat / so much

5. If / he / hear / his alarm clock / he / not be / late for school

D. Complete the sentences in your own words

1. If you play sports, _____

2. If you stopped talking during the lessons, _____

3. If she phones while I'm out, _____

4. If we had left earlier _____

5. The fight wouldn't have started if _____

6. I'll wash the dishes if _____

7. If I were you, _____

8. She would have more friends if _____

9. If we had taken some money with us, _____

10. If you don't _____

E. Put the words in brackets in the correct tense

1. When you _____ (visit) me, I'll bake you a chocolate cake.

2. I _____ (visit) the Acropolis, if I go to Athens.

3. If it had rained, the plants _____ (not die).

4. If he _____ (have) a car, he'd travel more.

5. Harry would've come to the party, if he _____ (be) ill.

6. If I _____ (see) Max, I'll ask him about the new James Bond film.

7. If he _____ (not speak) during the lesson, he would've understood
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8. She'll be happy when she _____ (hear) the news.

9. We _____ (have) some fresh air if you opened the window.

10. If they save up enough money, they _____ (go) to Brazil or Argentina for a holiday.