

- **Conditionals: zero, first, second, third, mixed, inverted / unless, in case, as/so long as, provided (that)**

Zero conditional

Form *if + present simple, present simple*

Use	Example
General or scientific facts and definitions	<i>If you have faith in something, you believe in something you cannot prove.</i>

First conditional

Form *if + a present tense, will + bare infinitive*

Use	Example
Real or likely conditions in the present or future and their results in the present and future	<i>If you have a birthday party, you'll get loads of cool presents!</i>
	<i>If you're working till half past six, we'll have dinner at about eight.</i>
	<i>If you have revised properly, you won't have any problems in the test next week.</i>

Watch out!

- We can also use *may, might, can, could, shall, should, ought to, have to* instead of *will*, depending on the meaning.
 - ✓ *If you **have** a birthday party, you **might get** loads of cool presents!*
- We can also use *should + bare infinitive* instead of present simple. This suggests the situation is possible, but unlikely to happen.
 - ✓ *If you **should bump** into Alex at the concert, you'll be able to get a lift home.*
- We can also use a form of the first conditional to give instructions about real or likely situations in the present or future. This is: *if + a present tense, imperative*.
 - ✓ *If you **decide** to have a birthday party, **tell** me!*

unless, in case, as/so long as, provided (that)

Word or Phrase	Meaning	Example
<i>unless</i>	'except if' or 'if...not'	<i>I'll be there at six unless I get delayed. (= except if I get delayed / if I don't get delayed)</i>
<i>in case</i>	'because he/she/it/etc might'	<i>Let's take our wellies in case it's muddy. (= because it might be muddy)</i>
<i>as/so long as</i>	'if' or 'only if'	<i>As long as I'm happy, my parents don't care what job I do. So long as I'm happy, my parents don't care what job I do.</i>
<i>provided (that)</i>	'if' or 'only if'	<i>Provided (that) I'm happy, my parents don't care what job I do.</i>

Second conditional

Form *if + past simple or past continuous, would + bare infinitive*

Use	Example
Impossible, unlikely or hypothetical conditions in the present or future and their results in the present or future	<i>If you had a beard, you would look just like Charles Dickens! If you were flying to Rio, would you get there much quicker?</i>
Advice	<i>If I were you, I would think very carefully about my future. (more formal) If I was you, I'd have a party at the weekend! (more informal)</i>

Watch out!

- We can also use *might* or *could* instead of *would*, depending on the meaning. (Note: *could* here often means *would be able to*.)
 - ✓ *If we **were** older, we **could go** on holiday on our own.*
- We can also use *could* in the *if* clause. Here, it means *was/were able to*.
 - ✓ *If I **could** drive, I'd buy a car.*

CONDITIONALS 0, 1, 2

A Write Yes or No to answer the questions about each sentence.

- 1 If Carl doesn't come to the party, I'll be really upset.
Is it possible that Carl won't come to the party?
- 2 If my neighbour became prime minister, he'd give everyone a million euros.
Is it likely that the neighbour will become prime minister?
Is it possible that the neighbour will become prime minister?
- 3 If Helen weren't here, I don't know what we'd do.
Is Helen here now?
- 4 If Tarek had had enough money, he'd have bought a car.
Did Tarek have enough money?
Did he buy a car?
- 5 If Debbie hadn't gone to the UK, she wouldn't have met Will.
Did Debbie go to the UK?
Did she meet Will?
- 6 If the police had investigated the case thoroughly, they wouldn't have arrested Keren.
Did the police investigate the case thoroughly?
Did they arrest Keren?
- 7 Had she not gone to university, she might not have started her own business.
Did she go to university?
Did she start her own business?

C Complete using the correct form of the verbs in the box.

be • call • find • forget • get • leave • see • take • want • work

- 1 If she at five o'clock, she'll be there by half past seven.
- 2 We you if we have any problems.
- 3 It might not be a good idea to go out tonight if you an important test in the morning.
- 4 If you ill all day, you shouldn't come to the club tonight.
- 5 If you should my wallet, call me on my mobile immediately!
- 6 Let's get a different DVD if you that one already.
- 7 If Sean so hard lately, he'll welcome the chance to have a few days off.
- 8 If you're going into town, a video for tonight while you're there!
- 9 If you see Carol tonight, to say hello from me!
- 10 Don't feel you have to come if you to.

CONDITIONALS

0, 1, 2

D Circle the correct word or phrase.

- 1 This time in six months I'll be at university **unless** / **if** I decide to take a year off first.
- 2 We'd better leave early tomorrow **unless** / **in case** there's a lot of traffic when we get to Doncaster.
- 3 You can watch the film **as long as** / **in case** you promise to go straight to bed when it finishes.
- 4 Let's go to *Mirabella's* tonight **unless** / **if** you haven't been there before.
- 5 **Unless** / **So long as** I've still got my health, I don't mind how poor I am!
- 6 You'd better take a sweater with you now **if** / **in case** it gets cold tonight.
- 7 Do what you like **provided** / **unless** you don't make any noise.
- 8 I'm not going to worry **unless** / **as long as** she hasn't called by midnight.

E Write sentences using the second conditional.

Example: I don't want to buy that CD so I'm not going to.

If I wanted to buy that CD, I would.

- 1 I don't live alone so I don't get lonely.
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- 2 Don's got such a lot of homework that he's not going to play football tonight.
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- 3 I can't swim so I'm not going scuba diving with Terry.
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- 4 We're not going to order a pizza because we don't have enough money.
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- 5 We're not staying in the same hotel, so we can't share a room.
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- 6 I'm not you, but I think you should call Antony right now!
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- 7 I can't come because I have to help my dad with something.
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- 8 I don't go to bed as late as you so I'm able to get up early in the morning.
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