

# CONDITIONALS



“If ifs and ands were pots and pans...”

# General Truth (zero)

If-clause

If + present  
simple

Main clause

present simple

Used to express something which is always true. We can also use *when* instead of *if*.

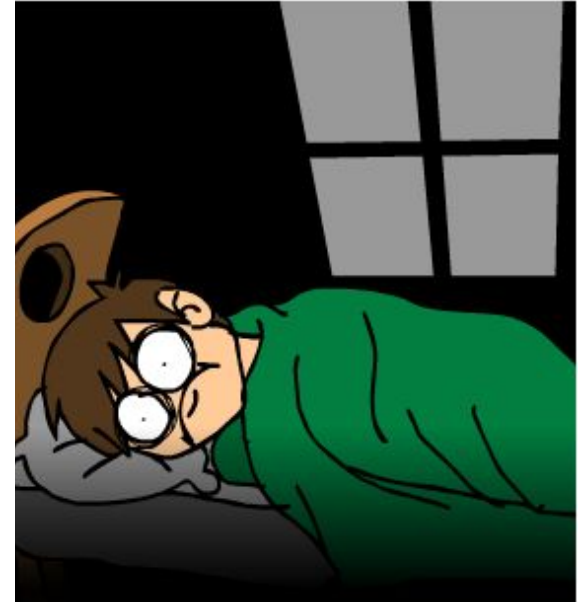
# Zero Conditionals

If-clause

e.g. If I  
drink  
coffee  
at night,



Main clause  
don't sleep well.



# Real / possible present (first)

If-clause

If + present simple

Main clause

Will + verb

Used to express real or very probable situations in the present or future.

# First Conditionals

If-clause

If you **call** me  
(which you  
might)



Main clause

I **will go** to the  
cinema with you



# Unreal present (second)

## If-clause

If + past simple or  
past continuous

## Main clause

Would + verb

Used to express hypothetical situations which are contrary to the facts in the present, and therefore, are unlikely to happen in the present or future.

# Second Conditionals

If-clause

If you **studied**  
harder (which  
you never do)



Main clause

you **would know**  
that (which you  
never do)



# Unreal past (third)

## If-clause

If + past perfect

## Main clause

Would have +  
participle

Used to express hypothetical situations which are contrary to the facts in the past.  
Also used to express regrets or criticism.



# Third Conditionals

## If-clause

If I **had bought** a  
ticket (which I  
didn't)



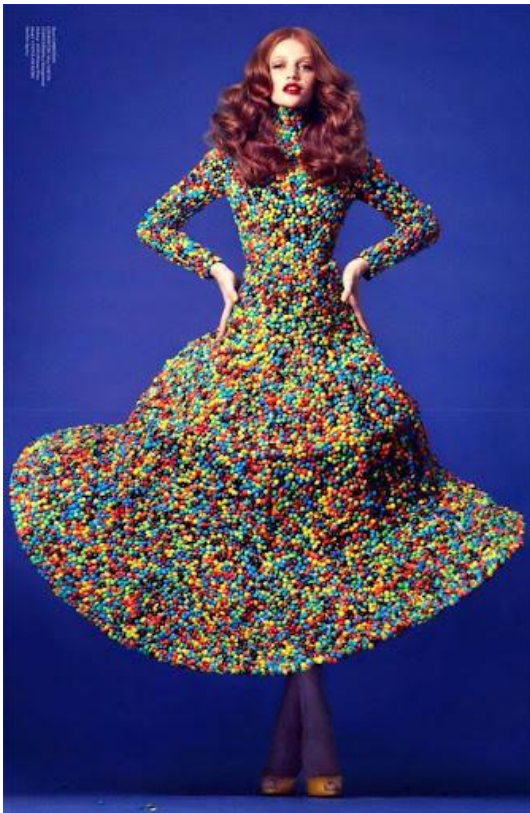
## Main clause

I **would have gone**  
to the concert (but  
I did not)



In pairs, complete the sentences so that they are real for you:

If I wore whatever I pleased to school...



I will be grounded for life if...



# A couple more examples:

My best friend wouldn't have gotten into trouble if...



If I could voice all my opinions freely...



# And others...

If I had made different decisions in life...

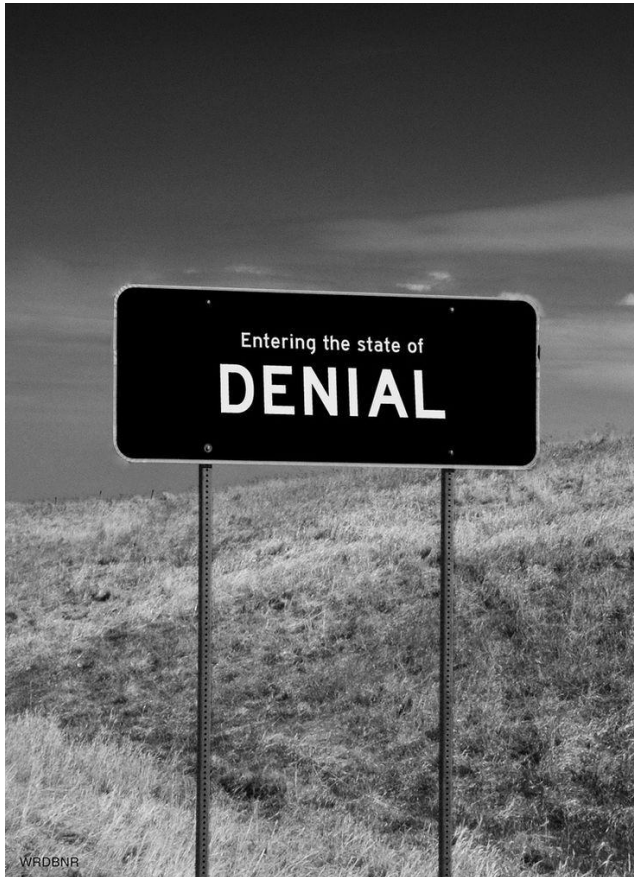


If I became friends with somebody famous...



# And two more for the road:

I won't tolerate school if...



My grades would've been different if...

