

# Conditional sentences

# THE ZERO CONDITIONAL

If clause

Main clause

If + simple present      simple present

If this thing happens      that thing happens.

If you heat ice      it melts.

If it rains      the grass gets wet.

# ZERO CONDITIONAL

If I get wet, I cold



If I drink a lot, I get drunk

If I behave badly,  
my mom does not give  
me money



# Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tenses.

- \* 1 If I see him, I (give) him a lift.
- \* 2 The table will break if you (sit) on it.
- \* 3 If he (eat) all that, he will be ill.
- \* 4 If I find your passport, I (telephone) you.
- \* 5 The police (arrest) him, if they catch him.
- \* 6 If he (read) in bad light, he will ruin his eyes.
- \* 7 Someone (steal) your car if you leave it unlocked.

# TYPE 1 CONDITIONAL


- \* If clause                      Main clause
- \* If + simple present      simple future
- \* If this thing happens    that thing will happen.

If you make me thin  
and beautiful I will do  
anything for you...



If I hadn't made that wish,  
I would have been free!




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- \* 1. If she ..... (invite) me, I ..... (go)
  - \* 2. If it ..... (rain), we ..... (cancel) the match.
  - \* 3. If I ..... (get) a promotion, I ..... (buy) a car.
  - \* 4. If she ..... (be late), we ..... (go) without her.
  - \* 5. If you ..... (ask) more politely, I ..... (buy) you a drink.

# TYPE 2 CONDITIONAL

f clause	Main clause
<b>If + simple past</b>	<b>present conditional or present continuous conditional</b>
If this thing happened	that thing would happen. (but I'm not sure this thing will happen) OR that thing would be happening.
If you went to bed earlier	you would not be so tired.
If it rained	you would get wet.
If I spoke Italian	I would be working in Italy.



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- \* If Oliver (to find) money, he (not/to keep) it.
  - \* If they (not/to wear) pullovers in the mountains, it (to be) too cold during the night.

If Tony (to know) her phone number, he (not/to give) it to Frank.

# TYPE 3 CONDITIONAL

If clause	Main clause
<b>If + past perfect</b>	<b>perfect conditional or perfect continuous conditional</b>
If this thing had happened	that thing would have happened. (but neither of those things really happened) OR that thing would have been happening.
If you had studied harder	you would have passed the exam.
If it had rained	you would have gotten wet.
If I had accepted that promotion	I would have been working in Milan.

# Fill in the correct form of the verb.

- \* 1. If you    a taxi, you would have caught the train.  
(take)
- \* 2. I would have come if I    nothing to do. (have)
- \* 3. The pupils    the bus if they hadn't left early. (miss)
- \* 4. If the friends    to the cafe, they would have eaten pizzas. (go)
- \* 5. If I    enough money, I would have bought that mobile. (have)

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# Complete the conditional sentences (type I or II)

- \* Once upon a time the cat bit the mouse's tail off.  
“Give me back my tail,” said the mouse. And the cat said, “Well, I (give) you back your tail if you fetched me some milk. But that's impossible to do for a little mouse like you.”
- \* 2. The mouse, however, went to the cow. “The cat (give/only) me back my tail if I fetch her some milk.”