

# Mixed conditionals

# Conditional sentences

## 1<sup>st</sup> conditional

<i>If</i> clause	conditional clause
<i>If</i> + present tense	future tense

If he misses his train, he'll be late.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> conditional

<i>If</i> clause	conditional clause
<i>If</i> + past tense	<i>would</i> + bare infinitive

If my car broke down, would you help me?

## 3<sup>rd</sup> conditional

<i>If</i> clause	conditional clause
<i>If</i> + past perfect	<i>would</i> + <i>have</i> + past participle

If I had studied harder, I would have passed the exam.

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If I 'd slept well last night, I wouldn't be tired today.

 I didn't sleep well last night. I am tired today.

If she was a better driver, she wouldn't have crashed her car.

 She isn't a good driver. She crashed her car.

Imaginary past

If I'd **slept** well last night, I **wouldn't** be tired today.

Present result

Hypothetical present

If she **was** a better driver, she **wouldn't** have **crashed** her car.

Past result

# Language in action

**Isla:** Guess what! I'm getting a promotion!

**Tom:** Really? Congratulations! How come?

**Isla:** The presentation I gave last week. My boss saw it and really liked it.

**Tom:** Wow! And to think you were really worried about it.

**Isla:** Well, Sarah was supposed to have done it, but she's been ill. It's been tough, as I've had to do a lot of her work. If she had been ok, I wouldn't be doing half the work I'm being asked to do.

**Tom:** It sounds like you've made the most of it though. If you weren't so hard working, they'd never have have given you the opportunity in the first place.

**Isla:** Yes, but I think luck has played a part. I got the job because I saw an advert in a newspaper, and I only bought the newspaper because my mobile had run out of battery. If I'd taken with me, I wouldn't be working there now.

**Tom:** Obviously, Your boss likes you.

**Isla:** Yes, but he likes to reward his staff. If he didn't, many people would have left, most of his employees have been there for years.

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If she hadn't lived in Spain, she **wouldn't be able** to speak Spanish.



If he **were** better at science, he'd have chosen to do it at university.



If **we'd** caught the bus, we'd be home by now.



# Can you remember the rules?

1 If we want to connect a hypothetical (imaginary) past with a present action or situation, the *if* clause follows the pattern of the third conditional and the consequence clause follows the pattern of the second conditional.

In the past ( <i>if</i> clause)	Now (consequence)
3 <sup>rd</sup> conditional	2 <sup>nd</sup> conditional
<i>If I <b>had caught</b> the bus,</i>	<i>I <b>would be</b> at school now.</i>
= I didn't catch the bus and I'm not at school yet.	

# Can you remember the rules?

2 If we want to connect a hypothetical (imaginary) present with a past action or situation, the if clause follows the pattern of a second conditional and the consequence clause follows the pattern of a third conditional.

Now ( <i>If</i> clause)	In the past (consequence)
2nd conditional	3rd conditional
<i>If his parents <b>earned</b> more money,</i>	<i>they'd <b>have paid</b> for him to go on the school trip.</i>
= They don't earn more money so they didn't pay for the school trip.	



**Read and match. How many sentences can you make?**

<b>If I had taken up the guitar,</b>	<b>he'd be in serious trouble now.</b>	<b>he wouldn't have been hit by the ball.</b>	<b>If you had hit the ball,</b>
<b>If he had better luck,</b>	<b>she would have known what was going on.</b>	<b>I would be famous.</b>	<b>I'd still be standing in the rain.</b>
<b>your team would be the winners.</b>	<b>I would have gone to the party.</b>	<b>If he had pushed his luck any further,</b>	<b>If she turned up more often,</b>
<b>she would have asked the way.</b>	<b>If you hadn't pulled up in your car,</b>	<b>If she spoke Italian,</b>	<b>If I didn't have so much work,</b>

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**Make mixed conditional sentences about the picture.**



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