ZERO CONDITIONAL

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

If you **have** a headache, **stop** watching TV.

If clause:

PRESENT SIMPLE

Main clause:

PRESENT SIMPLE

or **IMPERATIVE**

With zero conditional

we express **a general truth** or we give **advice**.

FIRST CONDITIONAL

If the weather **is** nice,   we **will go** for a walk.

If you **don't apologize**, she **will** never **trust** you again.

If clause: Main clause:

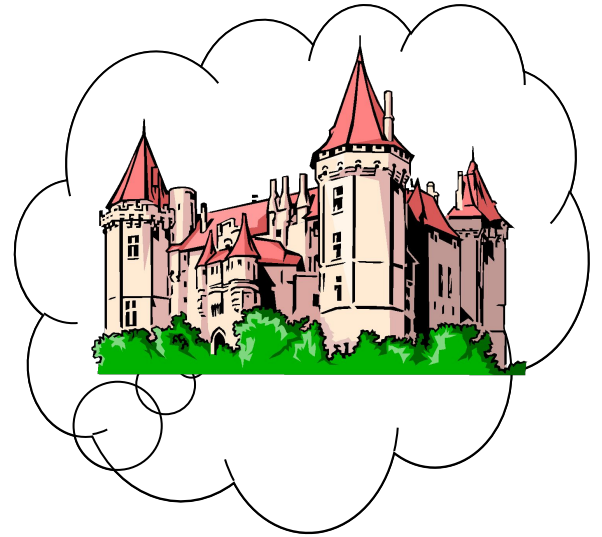**PRESENT SIMPLE**   **WILL (can, could, may, might) + infinitive**

The first conditional refers to the **future**.

It expresses a **possible action** in the future.

SECOND CONDITIONAL

Jack wants to buy a house but he can't do this because he doesn't have any money.

If I **had** a lot of money, I **would buy** a big house.

SECOND CONDITIONAL

Susan wants to phone Paul but she can't do this because she doesn't know his number.

If I **knew** his number,
I **would phone** him.

SECOND CONDITIONAL

If I **had** a lot of money, I **would buy** a big house.

If I **knew** his number, I **would phone** him.

if-clause:
PAST TENSE SIMPLE

main clause:
WOULD (could, might) + infinitive

The second conditional is used

1. To express **imaginary or unreal** situations in **the present** and **future**.

2. To give **advice**: **If I were you, I'd** - If I **were** you, I **would phone** him

UNLESS = IF ... NOT

We can use **unless** instead of **if not** in any conditional sentence:

1. **Zero**: I can't help my friend unless I listen to her problems.
2. **First**: Unless your team wins this match, we won't be happy.
3. **Second**: I wouldn't save my pocket money unless I wanted something special.