



Lecture: If clauses, vocabulary and comprehension:

used to express conditions and their results. There are three main types of conditional sentences:

- **Zero Conditional (Real present situations):**

Form: If + present simple, present simple

❖ **Example:**

- ❖ If you heat water to 100°C, it boils.
- ❖ If it rains, the grass gets wet.
- ❖ If you touch a flame, it burns.
- ❖ If you mix red and blue, you get purple.

Zero Conditional Homework:

Part 1: Complete the sentences

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in **present simple**.

1. If you _____ (add) salt to the soup, it _____ (taste) salty.
2. If you _____ (water) the plants, they _____ (grow).
3. If you _____ (turn) off the lights, the room _____ (get) dark.
4. If you _____ (mix) blue and yellow, you _____ (get) green.
5. If you _____ (drop) ice in warm water, it _____ (melt).



Forming Zero Conditional Questions:

To make a Zero Conditional question, the structure is:

- **If + subject + present simple, do/does + subject + present simple?**

○ Examples:

- ❖ If you mix red and blue, do you get purple?
- ❖ If you press the button, does the light turn on?
- ❖ If you touch a flame, does it burn?

Try to create your own Zero Conditional questions:

Here are some ideas for practice:

1. If you add sugar to coffee, _____ it taste sweet?
2. If you study hard, _____ you get good grades?
3. If you eat too much, _____ you feel sick?

- **First Conditional (Possible future situations):** The **First Conditional** is used to talk about **real or possible situations in the future**. It describes something that is likely to happen if a certain condition is met. The condition (the "if" clause) is usually something **possible** or **probable**, and the result (main clause) shows the expected outcome or consequence of that condition.



Form: If + present simple, will + base verb

❖ *Example:*

- ❖ If it rains tomorrow, we will stay home.
- ❖ If I finish work early, I will go to the gym.
- ❖ If you study hard, you will pass the exam.

• **First Conditional Questions:**

- If + subject + present simple, will + subject + base verb?

❖ *Example:*

- ❖ If she calls you, will you answer the phone?
- ❖ If I finish work early, will you join me for coffee?

Try Your Own First Conditional Questions:

1. If I buy a new phone, _____ I need to get a case?
2. If we leave early, _____ we catch the train?
3. If you tell him the news, _____ he be happy?



- **Second Conditional Questions:** To form **Second Conditional questions**, the word order changes so that "**would**" comes after the subject in the main clause, just like in regular second conditional statements.
- **Form: If + past simple, would + base verb**
- ❖ **Example:**
- ❖ If I had a million dollars, I would travel the world.
- ❖ If it snowed tomorrow, we would build a snowman.
- ❖ If I knew how to cook, I would prepare dinner for you.
- ❖ If they were not so busy, they would visit us more often
- **Second Conditional Questions:** To form **Second Conditional questions**, the structure is similar, but the **word order** changes to form a question:
- **If + subject + past simple, would + subject + base verb?**



Examples of Second Conditional Questions:

1. If you could live anywhere in the world, would you live in Paris?
2. If I gave you a million dollars, would you buy a new car?
3. If you had a time machine, would you travel to the past or future?

Practice Exercise for the Second Conditional:

1. If you found a treasure chest, _____ you keep it or report it?
2. If you could meet any celebrity, _____ you choose?
3. If I asked you to go to a concert with me, _____ you come?
4. If you had the chance to change one thing in the world, _____ you change?

- **Third Conditional (Past Hypothetical Situations):** The Third Conditional is used to talk about hypothetical or unreal situations in the past. It expresses regret, missed opportunities, or how things could have been different if something had happened differently. It's for situations that didn't happen, but we imagine what the result would have been if the past had been different.

- **Structure of the Third Conditional:**

- **If + past perfect, would have + past participle**

Explanation:

The "if" clause is in the past perfect tense, to talk about something that didn't happen in the past.

The main clause uses would have + past participle (the third form of the verb), to describe what would have happened as a result.



Examples of Third Conditional Sentences:

- ❖ If I had studied harder, I would have passed the exam.
- ❖ If I had known it was your birthday, I would have bought you a gift.
- ❖ If they had left earlier, they would have caught the train.

Third Conditional Questions: To form Third Conditional questions, we change the word order to make the sentence a question. The structure is:

If + subject + past perfect, would + subject + have + past participle?

Examples of Third Conditional Questions:

- ❖ If you had known about the meeting, would you have attended?
- ❖ If we had left earlier, would we have avoided the traffic?
- ❖ If I had known it was a holiday, would I have had to work today?

Practice: Try forming your own Third Conditional questions:

1. If you had seen the movie earlier, _____ you have recommended it to me?
2. If they had told me about the problem, _____ I have helped them?
3. If we had known about the weather forecast, _____ we have postponed the picnic?