

## LESSON 18: Second + Third Conditional



If + Present Simple, Present Simple.

### ZERO Conditional

If you heat water at 100 degrees, it boils.

Use: To talk about things that are always true, like a scientific fact

If + Present Simple, Simple Future.

### FIRST Conditional

If it's sunny, we'll go to the park.

Use: To talk about possibilities in the present or in the future

→ If S + **V(s/es)**, S + **will + V(nguyên thể)**...

## SECOND Conditional

If + Past Simple, Present Conditional.

If I won a million dollars, I would buy a new car.

**Use:** Imaginary situations in the present or future

→ If S + (V-ed/irregular), S + **would/could + V(nguyên thể)...**

Notice that in the if clause, we can use **were** with I and with he/she/it:

*If Jane **were/was** here, she would certainly help us.*

*If I **were/was** French, I'd live in Paris.*

There is one expression where we always use **were**:

**If I were you, I'd tell him.** (NOT **If I was you, ...**)

## THIRD Conditional

If + Past Perfect, Perfect Conditional.

If the weather had been good,  
we would have gone water-skiing.

**Use:** Imagine situations in the past



If S + **had + V(past participle)**, S + **would/could + have + V(past participle)**...

## MIXED 1 Conditional

If + Past Perfect, Present Conditional.

If I **had listened** to your advice **yesterday**,  
I **wouldn't be** in the trouble **now**.

**Use:** Present result of a past condition



If S + **had + V(past participle)**, S + **would/could + V(nguyên thể)**...  
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## PRACTICE

### Exercise 1:

People imagine things that are not true

Make second conditional sentences using one expression from column A and one from column B, using the words in brackets and putting the verbs in the correct form.

A

If Jenny **(live)** in the country  
You **(enjoy)** France more  
If I **(be)** you  
If my father **(eat)** more slowly  
There **(be)** less pollution

B

he (not, get) stomach ache.  
I **(tell)** him the truth.  
if people **(not fly)** so much.  
if you **(can)** speak better French.  
she **(have)** two or three dogs.

0 If Jenny lived in the country, she would have two or three dogs.

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### Exercise 2: Write the sentences in conditionals.

1. Keep silent or you'll wake the baby up.  
→ If you don't keep silent, you will wake the baby up.
2. Stop talking or you won't understand the lesson.  
→ If.....
3. I don't know her number, so I don't ring her up.  
→ If.....
4. I don't know the answer, so I can't tell you.  
→ If .....
5. We got lost because we didn't have a map.  
→ If .....
6. Susan felt sick because she ate four cream cakes.  
→.....
7. Without this treatment, the patient would have died.  
→.....
8. He lost his job because he was late every day.  
→.....
9. Peter is fat because he eats so many chips.  
→.....
10. Robert got a bad cough because he started smoking cigarettes.  
→.....

### Exercise 3: Complete the sentences, using the verbs in brackets.

- 1 If ..... **(you / do)** your homework last night, you'd know the answer to this question!
- 2 We ..... **(not / stand)** by the side of the road at the moment trying to get a lift if ..... **(we / bring)** a spare tyre with us.
- 3 If I ..... **(not / stay up)** so late last night, I ..... **(not / feel)** so tired this morning!
- 4 ..... **(I / be)** in terrible trouble right now if you ..... **(not / help)** me.
- 5 If I had a video recorder, ..... **(I / record)** the match last night.
- 6 ..... **(I / ask)** for Andy's phone number when I met him if I ..... **(not / already / have)** a boyfriend!