

Conditionals



A cartoon illustration of a blonde woman with long hair, wearing a red top, biting her index finger. She has two thought bubbles above her head. The left bubble contains the text "F.F.F.F.F" and "F.F.F.F." below it. The right bubble contains the word "RESULT?" in orange.

ZERO
Conditional

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

FIRST
Conditional

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~~, ...)

- 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!