

Conditionals

0. If/When + Present Simple, Present Simple -> GENERAL TRUTH

When you freeze water, it becomes ice.

1. If + Present Simple, will/can/may/must + infinitive / Imperative ->
POSSIBLE IN PRESENT/FUTURE

If the weather is nice, we will go to the park today.

2. If + Past Simple, would/could/might + infinitive -> UNREAL/UNLIKELY IN
PRESENT/FUTURE

If the weather were nice, we would go to the park today. It's so rainy!

* Used for advice and we use were for all subjects in formal English.

3. If + Past Perfect, would/could/might + have + pp (-ed/3rd form) ->
UNFULLFILLED CONDITION IN THE PAST, EXPRESSES REGRET

If the weather had been nice yesterday, we would have gone to the park. It was rainy all day.

✓ Remember: Unless = if not -> Unless you remind me, I'll forget to buy milk. (=If you don't remind me)

Check your knowledge, choose the correct sentence:

- ☐ When she gives me her new address, I'll send her an invitation.
- ☐ When she will give me her new address, I'll send her an invitation.

- ☐ I'll tell him what you said, if I won't forget.
- ☐ I'll tell him what you said, if I don't forget.

- ☐ If you feel tired, go to bed early.
- ☐ If you would feel tired, go to bed early.

- ☐ Unless you don't tell me the truth, I can't help you.
- ☐ Unless you tell me the truth, I can't help you.

- ☐ If he has a toothache, he should go to the dentist.
- ☐ If he had a toothache, he should go to the dentist.

- ☐ If I know the answer, I would tell you.
- ☐ If I knew the answer, I would tell you.

- ☐ If they had finished the letter in time, they would have posted it.
- ☐ If they had finished the letter in time, they would post it.

- ☐ I would try harder if I am you.
- ☐ I would try harder if I were you.

- ☐ They would be happy if they were on holiday now.
- ☐ They were happy if they were on holiday now.

- ☐ Would you have sent me a card if you have remember my birthday?
- ☐ Would you have sent me a card if you had remembered my birthday?