

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~~, ...)

Use: Imagine situations in the past

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

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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- 0 If Jenny lived in the country, she would have two or three dogs.
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- 2
- 3
- 4

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!