

- They are two-part sentences
- One of them presents a condition
- The most common conjunction is 'if'

**0 conditional.** It expresses what actually happens

We form **0 conditional** like this: 1. IF + subject + **V (present)**, subject + **V (present)**  
2. IF + subject + **V (present)**, subject + **V (imperative)**

If anyone ..... the message (ring/take)  
..... the message if anyone.....

If I ..... sick, I ..... to the doctor

**Translate:** .....

It is used to talk about things that are generally or always true. We also use **0 conditional** to give instructions and orders.

Oil ..... if you ..... it on water ( float/pour)

**Translation:** .....

If you ..... your lesson earlier , ..... me. (finish/call)

**1<sup>st</sup> conditional.**

We form the **1<sup>st</sup> conditional** like this: IF + subject + **V (present)**, subject + **V (future)**

Ann..... sorry, if Helen..... (feel /not come)

If you ..... in the top drawer, you ..... your passport ( look/find)

**Translation:** .....



We can replace **will** with **may/might/could** to show that we are less certain that something will happen.

If the boys come to supper, I **may** cook chicken.

**Translation:** .....

We use us the **1<sup>st</sup> conditional** to talk about possible or probable future events and their consequences, or to talk about promises or give warnings

I ..... you know if I ..... what's happening (let/find out)

**Translation:** .....

If you ..... your money on useless things, you ..... enough money to buy what you really need (spend/not have)



**IF / WHEN**

**If** → Something may happen

**When** → Something will definitely happen

..... I become President, I will offer a contract to the best football player in the world.

**Translation:** .....

..... it gets dark, I'll go into the house.

**Translation:** .....

..... the film finishes, we'll go home.

..... she passes her exam, her parents will be really happy.

## AS SOON AS

We use this conjunction as an alternative to **if** to emphasize immediacy.

..... we have enough money saved, we'll go to Costa Rica on holidays.

**Translation:** .....

I'll answer you email..... I can.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> conditional.** It expresses what could happen

We form the **2<sup>nd</sup> Conditional** like this: IF + subject + V (past), subject + V (conditional)

If we..... some eggs, I..... a cake (have/make)

What ..... you..... if you..... your job? (do/lose)

**Translation:** .....

 **Were / was:** **were** is more commonly used for formal structures and in exams, but in common spoken English, **was** is widely used.

If the weather ..... nice, .....

If she ..... a good friend, .....

If I ..... you, I ...

If I **were** rich, I would spend all my time travelling.

**Translation:** .....

We use the **2<sup>nd</sup> conditional** when we talk about present or future unreal situations.

## Look at the difference:

If I go to Barcelona, I will visit John.

**Translation :** .....

If I went to Barcelona I would visit John.

**Translation :** .....

## **3<sup>rd</sup> conditional.** It expresses what might have happened

We form the **3<sup>rd</sup> Conditional** like this: IF + subject + V (past perfect), subject + V (conditional perfect)

If you..... harder, you..... the exam ( work, pass)

**Translation :** .....

I ..... in trouble, if Jane..... ( be/ not help)

We use the **3<sup>rd</sup> conditional** to talk about **unreal situations** in the past.

## IN SHORT: CONDITIONAL SENTENCES



<b>0</b>	If you go, I go
<b>1</b>	If you go, I .....
<b>2</b>	If you ....., I .....
<b>3</b>	If you ....., I .....

<b>0</b>	If you speak to him, I leave
<b>1</b>	If you go, I .....
<b>2</b>	If you ....., I .....
<b>3</b>	If you ....., I .....