

Conditional sentences express outcomes based on specific conditions or situations. They consist of two clauses, each using a different grammatical form depending on the type of conditional being expressed. Here is an overview of the structure for the four types of conditionals:

Zero Conditional

If + present simple, present simple.

If you heat ice, it melts.

First Conditional

If + present simple, will / won't + base verb.

If we take the bus, we will arrive on time.

Second Conditional

If + past simple, would / wouldn't + base verb.

If I had more money, I would buy a bigger house.

Third Conditional

If + past perfect, would / wouldn't + past participle.

If I had had a good job, I wouldn't have applied for this new job position abroad.

EXERCISE 1

Read the following sentences and decide which type of conditional they are.

1. If I don't set my alarm, I won't wake up early.

2. If I hadn't drunk so much coffee, I would have been able to sleep at night.

3. You would be fitter if you exercised regularly.

4. If I don't have breakfast, I get very hungry!

5. I'm sure he will come if we invite him to dinner.

6. If I have a coffee now, I won't sleep tonight! I'm very sensitive to caffeine.

7. If I weren't busy this afternoon, I would take my bike and go for a long ride.

8. I would have joined you for the day at the beach if I hadn't been sick.

9. If I had studied harder for the exam, I would have passed with a higher grade and been able to apply for the scholarship I wanted.

10. If I had more free time, I would take guitar lessons every week.