

# CONDITIONAL SENTENCES



If mum doesn't give us any money, we will not buy the tickets

if-clause

main clause

Unless mum gives us some money, we will not buy the tickets

if-clause

main clause

Unless = if ... not

We won't go to the beach if the weather is cold tomorrow

Unless the weather is hot / isn't cold tomorrow, we won't go to the beach

## TYPES

### 0 → GENERAL TRUTHS, FACTS

what's always true

'If you heat ice, it melts' 'If I go to bed late, I get tired'

if-clause

main clause

present simple

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### 1 → REAL SITUATIONS

likely to happen

'If you call me, I will go with you'

if-clause

main clause

present simple

will + infinitive

### 2 → HYPOTHETICAL/UNREAL SITUATIONS

NOT  
likely to happen

'If I won the lottery, I would buy a new and bigger house'

if-clause

main clause

past simple

would + infinitive (cond simp)

### 3 → HYPOTHETICAL PAST SITUATIONS

impossible to  
happen

'If I had won the lottery, I would have bought a new house'

if-clause

main clause

past perfect

would have + 3rd column

## WISHES and REGRETS OJALÁ..

- to express **WISHES** we use 'I WISH' followed by past simple

'I wish you bought me a present for my birthday. It would be perfect!'

'I wish I were younger and taller...'

- to express **REGRETS** we use 'I WISH' followed by past perfect

'I wish you had bought me a present for my birthday. It would have been a perfect day!'

'I wish I had been younger and taller...'

Complete the exercise with the correct conditional type and verb tense

1. If the weather (be) ..... fine tomorrow, we (go) ..... to the seaside. TYPE 1
2. Mary (not buy) ..... the costumes if her mum (not give) ..... her the money. TYPE 1
3. If you (travel) ..... by coach instead of by train, you (arrive) ..... in time to the meeting. TYPE 3
4. Don't come back without the tickets, if you (not find) ..... them, we (have) ..... a big argument! TYPE 1
5. (you / can) ..... sign our petition if you were interested enough?
6. (you / help) ..... me finish my English project if I (pay) ..... you for it? TYPE 2
11. If it (rain) ..... tomorrow, we (not go) ..... on the school trip. TYPE 1
12. Dylan and Patrick (attend) ..... the meeting if we (call) ..... them now. TYPE 2
13. If Jake is successful in his new job, they (give) ..... him some extra money. TYPE 1
14. We (play) ..... the game tomorrow unless it (rain) ..... TYPE 1
15. What (your parents / say) ..... if you (not do) ..... well in your exams? TYPE 1
16. What (your parents / say) ..... if you (not do) ..... well in your exams? TYPE 2
17. What (your parents / say) ..... if you (not do) ..... well in your exams? TYPE 3
18. Unless it (be) ..... sunny this weekend, we (stay) ..... at home. TYPE 1
19. I'm pretty sure he (win) ..... the race unless he (fall) ..... over. TYPE 1

## WRITING

Imagine you are stranded on a desert island. What would you take with you? Why?

e.g. "If I took a torch with me, I wouldn't be afraid of darkness"

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