

The conditionals (a.k.a. If Clauses)

Conditional type 0

When/ If you **eat** junk food, you **put on** weight.

If you **press** the button, the machine **starts**.

if- clause	Main clause
If/ when + Present	

The zero conditional is used to talk about **general truths/ facts**. We can introduce it using **if** or **when**.

Your own example:

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Conditional type 1

If I **see** James, I'll **tell** him you are looking for him.

If you **want** a dog, you **must promise** to take care of it.

If you **go** to the shops, **buy** some bread!

if- clause	Main clause
If + Present	 or or

We use the First conditional for something which is **possible to happen in the present or future**.

Your own example:

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Unless the shirt is on sale, I won't buy it.

Unless means **if....not....**

Your own example using *unless*:

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Conditional type 2

If you **went** to America, what **would** you **visit**?

If I **won** the lottery, I **would buy** a house with a pool.

If- clause	Main clause
if + Past	+

The second conditional is used for **unreal or imaginary situations which are unlikely to happen in the present or the future.**

Your own example:

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If I were you, I would be careful.

In conditionals type 2, **were** is often used instead of **was** in all persons; it is often used to give

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