

Conditionals – Wishes

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15 Listen and repeat. Then act out.



	If-clause	Main clause	Use
Type 0 general truth	If / When + present simple If you heat metal, it melts .	present simple	something which is always true, laws of nature
Type 1 real present	If + any present form (present simple, present continuous, present perfect or present perfect continuous) If he leaves early, he'll be on time for the meeting. If you're tired , go to bed. If you have finished your work, we can go for a walk.	future / imperative / can / may / might / must / could / should + bare infinitive	real – likely to happen in the present or future
Type 2 unreal present	If + past simple or past continuous If I saw a ghost, I would run away. (but I haven't seen a ghost – untrue in the present) If I were you, I wouldn't go out that late. (advice)	would / could / might + bare infinitive	imaginary situation contrary to facts in the present; also used to give advice
Type 3 unreal past	If + past perfect or past perfect continuous If I had closed the window, we wouldn't have been robbed. (but I didn't close the window – untrue in the past) If he hadn't been behaving so badly, well, the teacher wouldn't have punished him. (criticism)	would / could / might + have + past participle	imaginary situation in the past; also used to express regrets and criticism

- When the if-clause is before the main clause, we separate the two clauses with a comma.
If you **come** early, we **can go** for a walk. BUT We **can go** for a walk if you **come** early.
- We do not normally use **will**, **would** or **should** in an if-clause.
If you **hurry**, you **will** catch the train. (NOT: If you **will** hurry, you **will** ...)
- However, we can use **will** or **would** after **if** to make a polite request or express insistence or uncertainty. We can use **should** after **if** to talk about something which is possible but not very likely to happen.
If you **will fill in** the form, I'll process your application. (Will you please fill in ... – polite request)
If you **will not stop** shouting, you **will** have to leave. (If you insist on shouting ... – insistence)
I don't know if I **will pass** my driving test. (uncertainty)
If I **should see** her, I'll ask her. (I don't think it's very likely I **will** see her)

- In the **if-clause** of Type 2 conditionals, we can use **were** instead of **was** in all persons. *If I was/were you, I would try harder.*
- We can use **unless** instead of **If ... not** in the **if-clause** of Type 1 conditionals. The verb is always in the affirmative after **unless**. *Unless she studies, she won't pass her test. (=if she doesn't study, he won't pass her test.)*
- **As long as, providing / provided that** can be used instead of **if**.
As long as he's on time, we won't be late for the meeting. (If he's on time)
We'll come by car providing / provided that Dad lends us his. (... if Dad lends us)

1 Match the sentences in column A with those in column B to make Type 0 **conditional** sentences as in the example:

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Leave milk out of the fridge.

2

Put wood in water.

3

Throw a ball up into the air.

4

Mix red and blue.

5

Add two and three.

a You get five.

b It falls to the ground.

c You get purple.

d It floats.

e It goes off.

1-e If you leave milk out of the fridge, it goes off.

2 Make Type 1 conditional sentences as in the example:



1 train it / it learn to obey commands
If you train it, it will learn to obey commands.

2 put something in its mouth / it eat it

3 programme it / it walk

4 touch its head / it wag its tail

5 ask / it questions / it nod or shake its head

6 it hear someone coming / it roar

3

a) Complete the sentences to make Type 2 conditional sentences.

1 If I met my favourite film star, *I'd be so excited.*

2 If I lost my pet,

3 If I wanted to lose weight,

4 If I saw someone cheating in a test,

5 If I was able to travel back in time,

6 If I found €20 outside a shop,

b) In pairs, compare your answers to Ex. 3a.

What would you do
if you met your favourite
film star?

If I met my favourite
film star, I'd ask for
an autograph. What
about you?

4 Look at the pictures and the ideas and make Type 3 conditional sentences as in the example:



- 1 not buy / guitar → not learn / play one.
If Jeff hadn't bought a guitar, he wouldn't have learnt how to play one.
- 2 not learn / play guitar → not join / band
- 3 not join / band → not be asked / play at party
- 4 not be asked / play at party → not meet / band manager
- 5 not meet / band manager → not sign contract / record company

5 Look at the pictures then use the ideas to write conditional sentences. What type is each sentence?



1 I passed my driving test. My father let me borrow his car.

If I hadn't passed my driving test, my father wouldn't have let me borrow his car. (Type 3)

2 Plants have to get enough sunlight. They die.



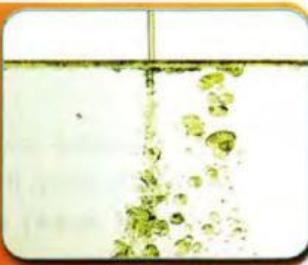
4 Mum is still working. We can't go to the park.



5 David missed the bus this morning. He was late for work.



3 I must finish my essay first. Then I'll come to the cinema with you.



6 Pour oil into water. It floats.