

CONDITIONAL SENTENCES

1. Zero Conditional Sentence

Zero conditional sentences always talk about things that are true like actual/scientific facts.

Structure: If + Present Indefinite + Present Indefinite.

Important: In these conditional sentences, **If** can be replaced with **when**. This change does not affect the meaning of the sentence.

Examples:

- i. If you **freeze** water, it **turns** into ice.
When you **freeze** water, it **turns** into ice
- ii. If students **miss** an exam, the professor **fails** them.
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2. First Conditional Sentence

The first conditional sentences are used to talk about things which are possible in the present or the future.

Structure: If + Present Indefinite + Will + Verb 1st form.

Important: Shall, can and may can be used in place of **will**.

Examples:

- i. If you **study** hard, you **will pass** your exams.
- ii. If I **find** your email, I **will send** you the picture.
- iii. And, if Mary **comes** home, I **will tell** her about the exam.
- iv. If you **cook** the dinner, I **will wash** the dishes.
- v. If it **rains**, I **will stay** at home.
- vi. If I **wake up** late, I **will miss** the bus.
- vii. If **it is** sunny, we **will go** to the park.

3. Second Conditional Sentence

The second conditional sentences are used to talk about things which are not possible to happen in the present or the future.

Structure: If + Past Indefinite + Would + Verb 1st form.

Important: Should, Could and might can be used in place of **would**.

Examples:

- i. If I **understood** what the teacher said, I **would tell** you
- ii. If you really **loved** me, you **would buy** me a diamond ring.
If I **knew** where she lived, I **would go** and see her.
- iii. If she **knew** the answer, she **would win** the prize.
- iv. If you **participated** in the election, people **would choose** you.
- v. If she **fell**, she **would hurt** herself.
- vi. If I **found** his address, I **would send** him an invitation.

4. Third Conditional Sentence

The third conditional sentences are used to talk about things which **did not happen** in the past.

Structure: If +Past Perfect + Would have + Past Participle verb form.

Important: Should have, could have and might have can be used in place of **would have**.

Examples:

- i. If I **had met** Susan last week, I **would have given** her the book.
- ii. If Mark **had come** on time, he **would have met** them.
- iii. If I **had seen** Mary, I **would have told** her.