

# Conditional Sentences

## Definition Conditional Sentence

The if-part and the main section of a conditional sentence are usually made up of two components.

### Examples:

- If you arrive, we will gladly accept you.
- The if-part is "if you come," while the major part is "we shall welcome you."
- If you arrive, we will gladly accept you.
- If you come, we will be delighted to see you.

## The Different Types Of Conditional Sentences

Sentences with no conditional clauses

### Zero Conditional Sentences

If + present simple is true, then present simple is true.

#### Examples:

- If they do not eat, they will perish.
- When you combine hydrogen and oxygen, you make water.
- Babies cry when they are hungry.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Conditional Sentences

#### Example Structure:

If + Present Simple + Will + Infinitive

#### Examples:

- I'll get some new sneakers if I have enough money.
- She'll be late if the train is delayed; she'll miss the bus if she doesn't go; if I see her, I'll tell; and if it rains tomorrow, I'll stay home.



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Conditional Sentences

If + Past Simple and Would + Infinitives are the structures.

### EXAMPLES:

- If it rained, you would be drenched.
- If it rained, you'd get wet.
- You wouldn't be so exhausted if you went to bed earlier.
- If our leaders had been wiser, our civilization would have been a better place.
- If she had been invited to the celebration, wouldn't it have been more colorful?
- Ali would have received a prize if he had won the bout.  
(Would he have received a reward?)
- One thing is contingent on the usage of the word "unless."
- If you don't instruct me, I won't be able to pass.
- I will not pass unless you teach me.
- Unless you intervene, she will purchase a useless watch.
- Feelings or wishes for the future and past.
- We wish we had the opportunity to go around the world.
- I wish I was in charge of the country's affairs.
- Could Kashmir have been annexed (joined) to Pakistan if the Pakistan-India I wish I had not wasted my time with them.
- What if the war had continued in 1965?
- The gathering would have been more colorful if she had been invited.



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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Conditional Sentences

If + past perfect and would + have + past participle structure

### Examples

- She would have passed the exam if she had studied (but we all know she didn't study, thus she didn't).
- I wouldn't have been unwell if I hadn't eaten so much (but I did eat a lot, and so I did feel sick).
- We would not have gotten there if we had taken a taxi.
- She would not have been fatigued if she had gone to bed earlier • She would have become a teacher if she had attended university • He would have arrived at the interview on time if he had left the house at nine o'clock
- Could we not have met them if we had gone?
- We would not have been able to meet her if she had been preoccupied.
- If my friend had been a multibillionaire, he might have purchased that diamond ring.
- It's possible that if....., my friend would have purchased the diamond ring.
- We would have arrived in Kuwait earlier if we had flown by plane.
- We would have arrived in Kuwait pretty late if we had travelled by ship.
- If our neighbors had greeted us, we would have responded enthusiastically.
- If the students had passed two of their subjects, they might have been promoted.

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## Conditional Sentences Exercises

- If they come, we ———will be overjoyed.
- If it rains, the crop will be perfect.
- She'll be in big trouble if she doesn't show up for these classes.
- Had I been present, I would have heard the news.
- ——— They came to see us, and we —— greeted them.
- We wouldn't be able to meet the teacher if she was ——- busy.
- If the weather was nice, we could ——- out for a walk.
- If she —— able to, she would (do) her task.
- If you ——— in my shoes, you'll be in big trouble.
- I would answer the questions if I ——- there.
- If Ali was given the opportunity, she could ——- write this essay.
- If you ——— asked, would I not ——— come?
- Is it possible that if I ——— asked, I could fix this problem?
- Could you afford to build a large home if you were ——— wealthy?
- Wouldn't you have been ——— happier if you were ——— poorer?
- If they saw him in distress, they would ——— assist him.
- ——— You purchase this book and read it thoroughly.
- If war breaks out next week, we'll all be in big trouble.