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English - level 3

-Lesson 2-
conditional
Rules

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Objective of the lesson

- *To introduce students to the four types of conditional.*
- *they will be able to differentiate between the different types of conditional and use them correctly.*

Conditional

A conditional sentence consists of two clauses where the realization of the main clause is related to the condition in the dependent clause (if clause). There are four basic types of conditional sentences.

Pattern:

- if+ dependent clause , main clause. Or
- Main clause+ if+ dependent clause

1- Type zero:

It describes a situation that is always true(scientific truth / general facts). The present simple is the only tense used in this type.

If+ present simple, present simple

Examples: if you heat ice, it melts.

I take my umbrella if it rains.

2- Type one:

It is used to talk about possible situations that can really happen. In this type, both present simple and future simple are used.

If + present simple, future simple.

Examples: if you revise your lessons, you will pass your exam.

We will catch the train if he arrives soon.

3- Type two:

It is used to describe a situation that is unreal- unlikely to happen in the present or future.

If+ past simple, would+ stem (verb without to)

Examples: if I had time, I would help you.

if I **were** you, I would not judge him.

4- Type three:

It always refers to the past. It is used to talk about imaginary situations (situations that are unreal).

If+ past perfect, would have+ past participle.

Examples: if she had revised her lessons, she would have passed the exam.

I would have started a business if I had won a million dollar.

Note: In both types two and three, you can replace would by might or could.