

CONDITIONALS

zero conditional

If + present simple, present simple.
OR
present simple + if + present simple

Zero conditional sentences do not contain any conditions and are therefore always true. You could replace the 'if' with 'when' or 'whenever'.

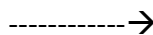
- If water **reaches** 100 degrees, it **boils**.
- People **die** if they **don't eat**.
- Ice **melts** if you **heat** it.
- If you're happy, I'm happy! ----->



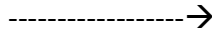
first conditional

If + present simple, ... will + verb
OR
will + verb + if + present simple

First conditional sentences are about possible conditions. You use the 1st cond. to express that what you are talking about is likely to happen.



If the sun **shines** tomorrow, I **will ride** my bicycle. / I **will ride** my bicycle if the sun **shines** tomorrow.

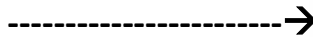


If I **go** to London, I **will get** you a present. / I **will get** you a present if I **go** to London.

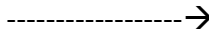
second conditional

If + past simple, ... would + verb
OR
would + verb + if + past simple

Second conditional sentences are about improbable (=unwahrscheinlich) conditions. You use the 2nd cond. to express something imaginary.



If I **had** the money, I **would buy** a nice car. / I **would buy** a nice car if I **had** the money.



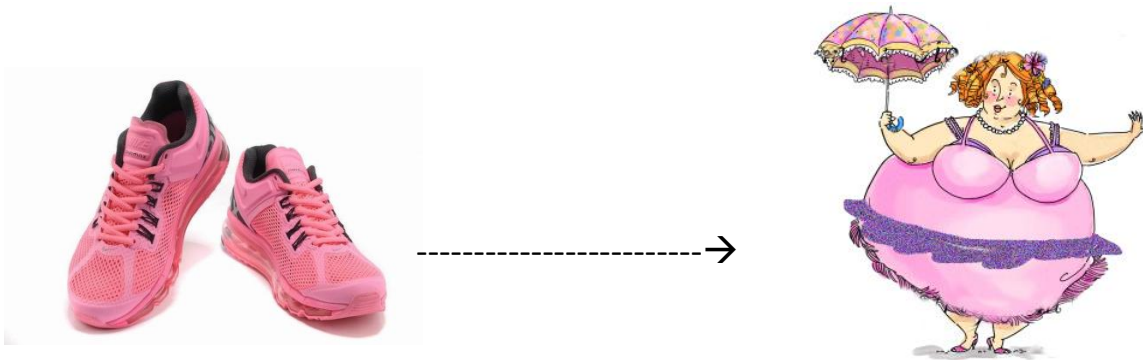
If I **was / were** famous, I **would be** on TV. / I **would be** on TV if I **was / were** famous.

Please note that 'I was' is often replaced by 'I were' in 2nd cond. sentences. When you want to give someone a piece of advice you say: 'If I were you, I would do this or that.'

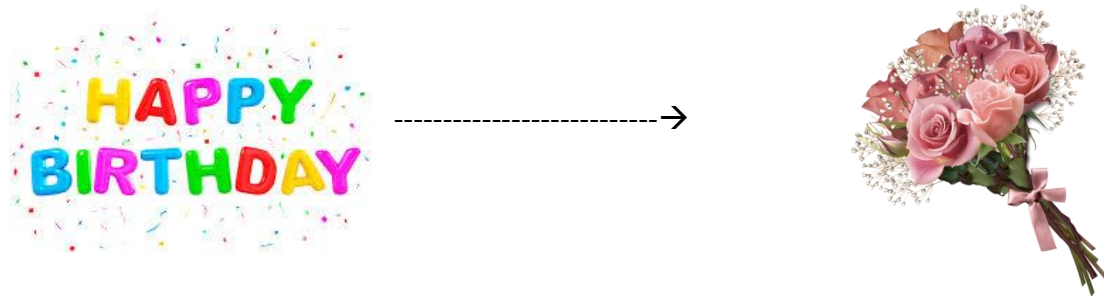
third conditional

If + past perfect, ... would + have + past participle
OR
would + have + past participle + if + past perfect

Third conditional sentences are about impossible conditions. You use the 3rd cond. to express that something did not happen the way you had imagined it. It is too late to change it now and you probably regret it.



If I **had done** more sport, I **wouldn't have gained** so much weight. / I **wouldn't have gained** so much weight if I **had done** more sport.



If I **had known** it was your birthday, I **would have brought** some flowers. / I **would have brought** some flowers if I **had known** it was your birthday.