CONDITIONALS

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ZERO CONDITIONAL : Factual conditional

To express a general or scientific fact	**If clause:** simple present *If* also can be replaced by: *when* or *whenever*	**Result clause**: simple present

Examples:
If it rains, the gardens close early,
Water freezes if the temperature falls below zero degrees Celsius.
Whenever the sun rises, we feel happy.

1ST CONDITIONAL : Factual Conditional

To talk about what will happen in the future under certain conditions	**If Clause**: simple present	**Result clause**: will/be going to If the result is not certain, use **can, may, might, should**

Examples:
If you plan your trip carefully, things will go smoothly.
If we arrive late, they are going to start without us.
If he hurries up, he may be able to catch the bus.

2ND CONDITIONAL: present unreal

To talk about present unreal or untrue conditions	If clause: simple past or <u>were</u>	Result clause: would+verb If the result is not certain, use **could / might**

Examples:
If I had the time, I would explain the problem to you.
If he were here, he might make a lot of changes.
It would be great if the weather weren't so bad.

3RD CONDITIONAL : Past unreal

To talk about past unreal or untrue conditions	If Clause: past perfect (had+ppv)	Result clause: would have+ppv If the result is not certain, use **could have, might have**

Examples:
If they had known about the storm, They would have taken a different flight.
If you had told us about the delay, we could have made other arrangements.
I wouldn't have married you if I hadn't gone to that party.

NOTE: The order of the clauses is not important, but use comma when the *if* clause comes first.
Ppv: past participle verb

MIXED CONDITIONALS : Past unreal

To talk about past unreal or untrue conditions in relation to the present	**If Clause**: past perfect (had+ppv)	**Result clause**: would + verb If the result is not certain, use **could, might**

Examples:
If I had prepared the interview, I wouldn´t be so nervous.
If we had left earlier, we might be on time now.
He wouldn't be so rebellious if he had had a father.

To talk about **present unreal** or untrue conditions in relation to the past	**If Clause**: simple past or <u>were</u>	**Result clause**: would have +ppv If the result is not certain, use **could have, might have.**

Examples:
If she were honest, she would have told us the truth.
If I spoke Russian, I might have understood the guide.
I would have assumed my role if she weren't so proud.

NOTE: The order of the clauses is not important, but use comma when the if clause comes first.
Ppv: past participle verb

EXERCISES

If Sam _____ (do) well this year, he_____ apply to medical school.

Water _____(boil) when the temperature _____ (reach)100 degrees. Celsius.

If it _____(be) for her savings, Anna _____(be) able to attend University.

I _____(be) so worried now if I _____(practice) my speech a bit more.

If I _____(be) you, I _____(tell) the truth.

If we _____Japanese. We _____have _____(need) a visa to enter the Country.

If I _____(look) at the expiration date, I_____(renew) my passport.

If they _____(travel) more often, they _____(be) upset about all the delays.

If you _____up (hurry) now, you _____(find) the store open yet.