

type 1	linker	if-clause	main clause
	If Unless (=if... not)	present simple present contin. present perfect	will (shall) + infinitive modal verbs: can, could, may... imperative
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Conditionals are used when there is a possibility that the situation in the <i>if</i>-clause is true in the present or will happen in the future. If you are hungry, I'll make you something to eat. (Are you hungry?) If it rains, I'll stay at home. (Will it rain?) If you see Maria, give her a message for me. If we have enough time, we can/ may/ must visit him. If you want to lose weight, you should eat less bread. If you're working now, I'll come back later. Unless it has stopped raining, I won't go for a walk. 			

type 2	linker	if-clause	main clause
	If	past simple past contin.	would (should) + infinitive could (=would be able to) might (=would perhaps)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second Conditionals refer to hypothetical present or future situations. If I had a lot of money, I'd travel around the world. (But I haven't got any.) If I were you, I'd apply for the job. (giving advice) If I had the right tools, I could repair the car. (=..., I would be able to...) If I won a lot of money, I might stop working. (=..., I would perhaps stop...) 			

type 3	linker	if-clause	main clause
	If	past perfect	would have + p. participle could have (=would have been able) might have (=would perhaps have)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Third Conditionals refer to a situation in past time which cannot be changed. If you had taken plenty of vitamin C, you wouldn't have caught my cold. If I had had the right tools, I could have repaired the car. (=..., I would have been able to repair the car.) If I had won a lot of money, I might have stopped working. (=..., I would perhaps have stopped working.) 			

type 0	linker	if-clause	main clause
	If (=whenever)	present simple	present simple
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zero Conditionals refer to general truths: If you mix yellow and blue, you get green. (=Whenever you mix yellow and blue, you get green.) If flowers don't get any water, they die. If he asks me, I always help him. 			

1st CONDITIONAL

1 Fill in the blanks with the correct tense.

- 1 If they (charge) more than thirty pounds, I (not pay)
.....
- 2 If Alice (want) to play outside, she (have to)
..... wear her coat.
- 3 Unless Tom (help) me, I (*modal verb* + finish)
..... this work.
- 4 If you (not feel) well, you (*modal verb* + go)
..... to the doctor.
- 5 If people (want) to succeed, they (*modal verb* + work)
..... hard.

2 Rewrite the following sentences without changing the meaning of the original one.

- 1 The opera singer won't make an appearance unless the photographers are there.
If
- 2 I won't be able to help you unless I get a full report by tomorrow.
If
- 3 Ian walks to school if no one gives him a lift.
Unless
- 4 I'll come round tomorrow if I don't have to work late.
Unless

2nd CONDITIONAL

3 Fill in the blanks with the correct tense.

- 1 If Tina (have) a new hair-style, I think she (look)
..... much nicer.
- 2 Sandra (have) a better chance of being a model if she
(be) slimmer.
- 3 If I (be) rich, I (go) for a trip
around the world.
- 4 Bill (live) in the USA if he (have)
a work permit.
- 5 If Jim (not tell) so many lies, people (like)
..... him more.
- 6 If we (go) to London next week, we (go)
..... to see that new film everybody's talking about.
- 7 If I (be) Diane, I (not go) to the
concert without a ticket.
- 8 If you (buy) a word processor, I (show)
..... you how to use it.

1st & 2nd CONDITIONAL

4 Fill in the gaps with the correct tense of the verb.

Alice Moore's ADVICE COLUMN

Dear Alice,

I am twenty and engaged. I love my fiancé very much. The problem is his father.

He is only forty. His wife is dead. He says he is in love with me and that he (1. kill) himself unless I (2. marry) him.

The situation is impossible. How can I marry my fiancé's father?

Unfortunately, I think I am in love with him as much as I am with his son.

I want to tell my fiancé all about this, but if I (3. do), he (4. be) hurt and angry. Whatever I do, it seems I'll hurt either him or his father. What (5. you do) if you (6. be) me?

Yours sincerely,

Veronica M (Basingstoke)

ALICE'S REPLY

You sound like a confused and silly girl to me. How can you possibly be in love with two men at the same time? If you really (7. love) your fiancé, you (8. not be) in love with his father!

If I (9. be) you, I (10. tell) my fiancé about all this immediately. Of course he will be hurt! But he (11. be) even more hurt if he (12. find out) about you from someone else! Unless you (13. tell) him yourself, he (14. lose) faith in you completely.

3rd CONDITIONAL

5 Fill in the blanks with the correct verb tense.

- 1 If Alan (not tease) the dog yesterday, it (not bite) him and he (not have) to go to hospital.
- 2 If Tom (not help) me with my homework last week, I (not pass) the exam.
- 3 You (look) better if you (wear) a suit to go to the concert last night.
- 4 If we (not miss) the bus last night, we (not need) to find a taxi.
- 5 If the weather (not be) so bad yesterday, we (go) for a picnic.

6 Join each pair of sentences to make one sentence in the third conditional.

- 1 They didn't know about the invitation. They didn't come.
- 2 He did not know about your existence. He didn't come to see you.
- 3 She was too careless with her things. She lost her purse.
- 4 I didn't know the boy liked books so much. I didn't buy one for him.
- 5 He didn't study, so he didn't pass his exams.

7 Read the following passage.

Last year, Lucy had a disastrous holiday. She was delayed in a traffic jam and (1) missed her flight to Tremolo. As a result, (2) she had to wait at the airport for seven hours. She arrived in Tremolo so late that (3) she missed the last bus to her hotel, and (4) she had to take an expensive taxi ride. She was so tired the next day that (5) she fell asleep in the sun and got badly burnt. The sea was rough so (6) she couldn't go swimming. She wanted to try windsurfing, but (7) the wind was too strong. (8) She didn't like the food because it was so greasy. There weren't any young people in her hotel, so (9) she didn't make any friends. She was planning to go on a sightseeing tour one day, but she changed her mind because (10) it was pouring with rain. She enjoyed the disco on the last evening, and (11) she wanted to dance all night, but she had to leave early in the morning. She went to bed, but the music was so loud that (12) she couldn't sleep. This year Lucy thinks she'll stay at home!

Now make sentences using type 3 conditionals.

Examples:

1 If she hadn't been delayed in a traffic jam, she wouldn't have missed her flight.

2 If she hadn't missed her flight, she wouldn't have had to wait at the airport for seven hours and wouldn't have arrived in Tremolo so late.

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ANSWERS

- 1 1. charge, won't pay 2. wants, will have to 3. helps, won't be able to finish 4. don't feel well, should go 5. want, have to work.

- 2 1. If the photographers aren't there, the opera singer won't make an appearance. 2. If I don't get a full report by tomorrow, I won't be able to help you. 3. Unless someone gives Ian a lift, he walks to school. 4. Unless I have to work late, I'll come round tomorrow.
3 1. had, would look 2. would have, were 3. were, would go 4. would live, had 5. didn't tell, would like 6. went, would go 7. were, wouldn't go 8. bought, would show.
4 1. will kill 2. marry 3. do 4. will be 5. would you do 6. were 7. loved 8. wouldn't be 9. were 10. would tell 11. would be 12. found out 13. told 14. would lose.
5 1 hadn't teased, wouldn't have bitten, wouldn't have had 2 hadn't helped, wouldn't have passed 3 would have looked better, had worn 4 hadn't missed, wouldn't have needed 5 hadn't been, would have gone
6 1 If they had known about the invitation, they would have come. 2 If he had known about your existence, he would have come to see you. 3 If she hadn't been so careless with her things, she wouldn't have lost her purse. 4 If I had known the boy liked books so much, I would have bought one for him. 5 If he had studied, he would have passed his exams.
7 (possible answers)
3 If she hadn't arrived in Tremolo so late, she wouldn't have missed the last bus to her hotel.
4 If she hadn't missed the last bus to her hotel, she wouldn't have had to take an expensive taxi ride.
5 If she hadn't been so tired, the next day she wouldn't have fallen asleep in the sun and wouldn't have got badly burnt.
6 If the sea hadn't been rough, she would have been able to go swimming.
7 If the wind hadn't been so strong, she would have tried windsurfing.
8 If the food hadn't been so greasy, she would have liked it.
9 If there had been young people in her hotel, she would have made some friends.
10 If it hadn't been pouring with rain, she would have gone on a sightseeing tour.
11 If she hadn't had to leave early in the morning, she would have danced all night.
12 If the music hadn't been so loud, she could have slept/ would have been able to sleep.