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Conditional Sentences in English

Definition

A **conditional sentence** expresses a condition and its result. It usually has two clauses:

☒ **If-clause** (condition)

☒ **Main clause** (result)

Example:

☒ If it rains, we will stay home.

☒ إذا أمطرت السماء، سنبقى في البيت .

Structure:

If + condition, result OR ***Result + if + condition***

☒ If you study, you will pass.

☒ You will pass if you study.

Types of Conditional Sentences

There are **four main types**:

1. Zero Conditional
2. First Conditional
3. Second Conditional
4. Third Conditional

There is also:

☒ Mixed Conditional

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1. Zero Conditional

Form

If + Present Simple, Present Simple

Structure:

If + subject + present simple, subject + present simple

Use

- ☒ General truths
- ☒ Scientific facts
- ☒ Habits
- ☒ Always true situations

Examples

1. If you heat water, it boils. إذا سخنت الماء فإنه يغلي .
2. If people eat too much, they gain weight. إذا أكل الناس كثيراً فإنهم يزدادون وزناً .
3. If you mix blue and yellow, you get green. إذا خلطت الأزرق والأصفر تحصل على اللون الأخضر .
4. If I drink coffee at night, I can't sleep. إذا شربت القهوة ليلاً لا أستطيع النوم .

Note: "if" can be replaced with **when**

When water freezes, it becomes ice. عندما يتجمد الماء يصبح ثلجاً .

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2. First Conditional

Form

If + Present Simple, will + base verb

Structure:

If + present simple, will + infinitive

Use

- ☒ Real future possibility
- ☒ Likely situations
- ☒ Predictions

Examples

1. If it rains, we will cancel the trip. إذا أمطرت السماء سنلغي الرحلة.
2. If you study hard, you will succeed. إذا درست بجد ستنتج.
3. If she comes early, we will start the meeting. إذا جاءت مبكراً سنبدأ الاجتماع.
4. If they hurry, they will catch the bus. إذا أسرعوا سيلحقون بالحافلة.

Other modal verbs may replace "will":

- ☒ can
 - ☒ may
 - ☒ might
 - ☒ should
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Examples:

- If you study, you can pass. إذا درست يمكنك النجاح.
- If he comes, we may start. إذا جاء قد نبدأ.

3. Second Conditional Form

If + Past Simple, would + base verb

Structure:

If + past simple, would + infinitive

Use

- ☒ Unreal present
- ☒ Imaginary situations
- ☒ Hypothetical ideas
- ☒ Unlikely future

Examples

1. If I were rich, I would travel around the world. لو كنت غنياً لسافرت حول العالم.
2. If she studied more, she would pass. لو درست أكثر لنجحت.
3. If we had a car, we would visit you. لو كان لدينا سيارة لزرناك.

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4. If he spoke English, he would get the job.

لو كان يتحدث الإنجليزية لحصل على الوظيفة

Important Rule Use **were** with all subjects (formal English)

لو كنت مكانك لقبلت العرض? If I were you, I would accept the offer?

4. Third Conditional

Form

If + Past Perfect, would have + past participle

Structure:

If + past perfect, would have + V3

Use

☒ Unreal past

☒ Regret

☒ Impossible past situations

Examples

1. If I had studied, I would have passed the exam.

لو كنت قد درست لنجحت في الامتحان

2. If she had come earlier, she would have met him.

لو كانت قد جاءت مبكراً لقابلته

3. If they had left on time, they would have caught the train.

لو كانوا قد غادروا في الوقت المناسب للحقوا بالقطار

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4. If we had known, we would have helped you. لو كنا قد علمنا لمساعدناك

Mixed Conditional

Used when **time in if-clause and result clause are different**

Type 1

Past condition → Present result

Form: *If + Past Perfect, would + base verb*

Example: If I had studied medicine, I would be a doctor now. لو

كنت قد درست الطب لكنت طبيباً الآن

Example: If she had married him, she would be happy now. لو كانت . قد تزوجته لكانت سعيدة الآن

Type 2

Present condition → Past result

Form: *If + Past Simple, would have + V3*

Example: If I were smarter, I would have solved the problem.

لو كنت أذكى لكنت قد حللت المشكلة

Example: If he were careful, he would not have made that mistake. لو كان حذراً لما ارتكب ذلك الخطأ.

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Unless in Conditional Sentences

"Unless" = if not

Example: Unless you study, you will fail. ما لم تدرس ستفشل. = If you do not study, you will fail.

Inversion (Formal Conditionals)

1. Without "if"

Had I known, I would have helped. لو كنت قد علمت لمساعدت.

Were I you, I would refuse? لو كنت مكانك لرفضت.

Should you need help, call me. إذا احتجت مساعدة فاتصل بي.

Summary Table Type Structure Use Example

Zero

If + present, present

facts

If water freezes, it becomes ice

First

If + present, will

real future

If you study, you will pass

Second

If + past, would

unreal present

If I were rich, I would travel

Third

If + past perfect, would have

unreal past

If I had studied, I would have passed

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Important Notes

1. Comma rule Use comma when "if" comes first:

If you come, I will help you. (no comma if second)

I will help you if you come.

2. "Will" not used in if-clause

If you will come, I will help ❌ If you come, I will help

3. "Would" not used in if-clause

If I would study, I would pass ❌ If I studied, I would pass

Practice Examples

Identify the type:

1. If I see him, I will tell him. First conditional

2. If I were you, I would apologize. Second conditional

3. If she had called, I would have answered. Third conditional

4. If you heat ice, it melts. Zero conditional