**Conditional Sentences / Conditional Clauses / *If* Clauses.**

**Conditional Sentence Type 1**

**→ It is possible and also *very likely* that the condition will be fulfilled.**

Conditional Sentences Type I refer to the future. An action in the future will only happen if a certain condition is fulfilled by that time. We don't know for sure whether the condition actually will be fulfilled or not, but the conditions seems rather realistic – so we think it is likely to happen.

**Form:** *if* + [Simple Present](https://www.ego4u.com/en/cram-up/grammar/simple-present), [will-Future](https://www.ego4u.com/en/cram-up/grammar/future-1-will)

Example: If I find her address, I’ll send her an invitation.

**Conditional Sentence Type 2**

**→ It is possible but *very unlikely*, that the condition will be fulfilled.**

Conditional Sentences Type II refer to situations in the present. An action could happen if the present situation were different. I don't really expect the situation to change, however. I just imagine „what would happen if …“

**Form:** *if* + [Simple Past](https://www.ego4u.com/en/cram-up/grammar/simple-past), [Conditional I](https://www.ego4u.com/en/cram-up/grammar/conditional-1-simple) (= would + Infinitive)

Example: If I found her address, I would send her an invitation.

### Were instead of Was

In IF Clauses Type II, we usually use ‚were‘ – even if the pronoun is I, he, she or it –.

Example: If I **were** you, I would not do this.

**Conditional Sentence Type 3**

**→ It is *impossible* that the condition will be fulfilled because it refers to the past.**

Conditional Sentences Type III refer to situations in the past. An action could have happened in the past if a certain condition had been fulfilled. Things were different then, however. We just imagine, what would have happened if the situation had been fulfilled

**Form:** *if* + [Past Perfect](https://www.ego4u.com/en/cram-up/grammar/past-perfect-simple), [Conditional II](https://www.ego4u.com/en/cram-up/grammar/conditional-2-simple) (= would + have + Past Participle)

Example: If I had found her address, I would have sent her an invitation.

**\*\* We can make a zero conditional sentence with two**[**present simple**](http://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/present-simple.html)**verbs (one in the 'if clause' and one in the 'main clause'):**

If + present simple, .... present simple.

* If people **eat** too much, they **get** fat.
* If you **touch** a fire, you **get** burned.
* People **die** if they **don't eat**.
* You **get** water if you **mix** hydrogen and oxygen.
* Snakes **bite** if they **are** scared
* If babies **are** hungry, they **cry**

Conditional Sentences Type I

Complete the Conditional Sentences Type I.

* If you (go)  out with your friends tonight, I (watch)  the football match on TV.
* I (earn)  a lot of money if I (get)  that job.
* If she (hurry / not) , we (miss)  the bus.

Conditional Sentences Type II

Complete the Conditional Sentences Type II.

* If he (try)  harder, he (reach)  his goals.
* I (buy)  these shoes if they (fit) .
* It (surprise / not)  me if he (know / not)  the answer.

Conditional Sentences Type III

Complete the Conditional Sentences Type III.

* If we (listen)  to the radio, we (hear)  the news.
* If you (switch)  on the lights, you (fall / not)  over the chair.
* She (come)  to our party if she (be / not)  on holiday.

**Complete the Conditional Sentences with the correct form (Type I or II).**

* If I  stronger, I'd help you carry the piano. (be)
* If we  him tomorrow, we'll say hello. (meet)
* If you drop the vase, it . (break)
* It's easier to sleep if you  stressed. (be)
* I wouldn't go to school by bus if I  a driving licence. (have)
* If she  him every day, she'd be lovesick. (see)
* I  to London if I don't get a cheap flight. (go)
* We'd be stupid if we  him about our secret. (tell)
* If you freeze water, it to ice (turn).****