

# CONDITIONALS

## ZERO CONDITIONAL: If + present simple, present simple

*We use the zero conditional to talk about general facts, and situations which are always true (results that necessarily follow from the condition).*

If **you don't drink**, **you get** thirsty.  
 If **I eat** lots of chocolate, **I get** fat.  
 \*When **it's** sunny, **he goes** to the park.

\*we can use "when" to refer to regular activities

## FIRST CONDITIONAL: If + present simple, will + infinitive

*We use the first conditional to talk possible or probable situations in the future (results are a real possibility from the condition).*

If **they finish** work early, **they'll** go to a bar.  
 If **we go** to the beach, **we'll** have fun.  
 \*When **he finds out**, **he'll be very** angry about what you said.

\*we can use "when" to refer to certain situations

## SECOND CONDITIONAL: If + past simple, would + infinitive

*We use the second conditional to talk improbable, impossible, hypothetical or imaginary situations in the present or future (results reflect an unreal possibility).*

\*If **I were** a bird, **I would fly** high in the sky.  
 If **he had** a million euros, **he would travel** around the world.  
 If **there were** enough, **I would go** there.

\*it is more grammatically correct to use "were", even for "I", "he" and "she".

## THIRD CONDITIONAL: If + past perfect, would + present perfect

*We use the third conditional to talk about hypothetical or imaginary situations in the past (results of an unreal condition in the past).*

If **you hadn't been** there, **I would have failed**.  
 If **she hadn't studied** medicine in Milan, **she would have studied** engineering in Rome.  
 If **I had known** about the problem, **I wouldn't have tried** to do it.