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## LEARN ENGLISH – Grammar Focus

# Conditional sentences 0, 1, 2

Do you know how to use the zero, first and second conditionals?

Test what you know with exercises and read the explanation to help you.

Look at these examples to see how **zero, first and second** conditionals are used.

ZERO CONDITIONAL: If you freeze water, it becomes solid.

FIRST CONDITIONAL: If it rains tomorrow, I'll take the car.

SECOND CONDITIONAL: If I lived closer to the cinema, I would go more often.

Try this exercise to test your grammar.

### Task 1:

**Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.**

When I go on holiday, I always \_\_\_\_ my neighbour to water my plants.

- ☐ ask
- ☐ asked
- ☐ would ask

If I \_\_\_\_ the problem to my sister, she'll be happy to help me.

- ☐ explain
- ☐ explained
- ☐ will explain

We'll be late for the film if we \_\_\_\_.

- ☐ didn't hurry up
- ☐ won't hurry up
- ☐ don't hurry up

If I didn't need the money, \_\_\_\_ less.

- ☐ I work
- ☐ I'll work
- ☐ I'd work

If you \_\_\_\_ a red card, you can't play in the rest of the game.

- ☐ get
- ☐ got
- ☐ will get

What would you say if he \_\_\_\_ you on a date?

- ☐ asks
- ☐ asked
- ☐ would ask

I'll have a shower as soon as \_\_\_\_ home.

- ☐ I get
- ☐ I'll get
- ☐ I'd get

I \_\_\_\_ English every day if I had time.

- ☐ studied
- ☐ will study
- ☐ would study

Read the explanation to learn more.

## Grammar explanation

Conditionals describe the result of a certain condition.

The **if clause** tells you the *condition* (If you study hard) and **the main clause** tells you the *result* (you will pass your exams).

The order of the clauses does not change the meaning.

E.g.:

If you study hard, you will pass your exams.

You will pass your exams if you study hard.

Conditional sentences are often divided into different types:

### **Zero conditional**

We use the **zero conditional** to talk about things that are generally true, especially for laws and rules.

E.g.:

If I drink too much coffee, I can't sleep at night.

Ice melts if you heat it.

When the sun goes down, it gets dark.

The structure is:

**if/when + present simple >> present simple.**

## **First conditional**

We use the **first conditional** when we talk about *future situations* we believe are real or possible.

E.g.:

If it doesn't rain tomorrow, we'll go to the beach.

Arsenal will be top of the league if they win.

When I finish work, I'll call you.

In first conditional sentences, the structure is usually:

**if/when + present simple >> will + infinitive.**

It is also common to use this structure with **unless, as long as, as soon as** or **in case** instead of if.

E.g.:

I'll leave as soon as the babysitter arrives.

I don't want to stay in London unless I get a well-paid job.

I'll give you a key in case I'm not at home.

You can go to the party, as long as you're back by midnight.

## **Second conditional**

The **second conditional** is used to imagine *present or future situations that are impossible or unlikely in reality*.

E.g.:

If we had a garden, we could have a cat.

If I won a lot of money, I'd buy a big house in the country.

I wouldn't worry if I were you.

The structure is usually:

**if + past simple >> + would + infinitive.**

*When if is followed by the verb be, it is grammatically correct to say if I were, if he were, if she were and if it were. However, it is also common to hear these structures with was, especially in the he/she form.*

E.g.:

If I were you, I wouldn't mention it.

If she was prime minister, she would invest more money in schools.

He would travel more if he was younger.

Do this exercise to test your grammar again.

## Task 2

**Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.**

What would you do differently if you \_\_\_\_ to do this again?

- ☐ have
- ☐ had
- ☐ would have

If I \_\_\_\_ the more expensive bike, I won't have enough money to pay my rent.

- ☐ buy
- ☐ bought
- ☐ will buy

The project \_\_\_\_ delayed if I don't finish this report on time.

- ☐ is
- ☐ will be
- ☐ would be

If I \_\_\_\_ you, I'd go to the doctor's.

- ☐ am
- ☐ were
- ☐ will be

When I look at a computer screen for too long, I \_\_\_\_ a headache.

- ☐ get
- ☐ got
- ☐ would get

You don't need to print your ticket as long as \_\_\_\_ the email.

- ☐ you have
- ☐ you had
- ☐ you'll have

If I cared what people think, I \_\_\_\_ a very boring life!

- ☐ had
- ☐ will have
- ☐ would have

I'll go and visit her as soon as I \_\_\_\_ time.

- ☐ have
- ☐ will have
- ☐ had