



CONDITIONALS

ENGLISH
GRAMMAR

Conditionals are structures in English that establish what will happen if a certain event takes place or if a certain action is performed.



FIRST CONDITIONAL

This conditional is used to talk about **future events** that might happen. It uses the **present tense** to discuss the possible future events.

- If it rains, we will have to cancel the picnic.
- If you come with me, I will make it worthwhile for you.
- If I go abroad, I will get something back for you.



SECOND CONDITIONAL

This conditional is used to talk about **unreal possibility** or impossible events. They establish the course of action that would follow, where something to happen is either hypothetical or surreal.

- If I were well-versed in the subject, I would help you with your assignment.
- If I were you, I would ask her to marry me.
- What would you do if it were to rain later?



THIRD CONDITIONAL

This conditionals talks about **the past**, unlike the first and second which discusses events in the real or unreal future. These conditions, too, are therefore impossible, because they have either already occurred or might have occurred but won't anymore.

- If I had studied a little more in college, life would have been easier.
- If we had gotten to the airport on time, we would have caught our flight.



ZERO CONDITIONAL

The zero conditional discusses an **absolute certainty**; the result of the condition is always true. The most common types of zero conditionals are scientific facts.

- If you cool water to zero degrees, it turns into ice.

