

Conditionals: Zero, First, Second

FORM: Zero Conditional: Use the simple present tense in both clauses.

USE: Use this conditional to talk about general truths and scientific facts and to talk about habits and things that happen again and again.

EXAMPLES: *If you eat vegetables, you stay healthy.*
If you need help, call me.

FORM: First Conditional (Real): Use the simple present tense in the “if” clause and future tense in the main clause.

USE: Use this conditional to talk about what will happen under certain conditions.

EXAMPLES: *If she wins the game, I'll be surprised.*
If he passes his test, he 's going to be happy.

FORM: Second Conditional (Unreal): use the simple past tense in the “if” clause and “would” or modals + a verb in the main clause.

USE: Use this conditional to talk about imaginary situations in the present. These situations are not true.

EXAMPLES: *If I had time, I would go to the concert with you.*
If I were thirsty, I would drink a glass of water.

Complete the following sentences.

1. If I need help moving, _____
2. I could call you if _____
3. The skiing will be good next week if _____
4. You will pass the test if _____
5. If he had a car, _____
6. They are going to go to Europe if _____
7. If she weren't tired, _____

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8. The cat will get fat if _____
9. If you speak four languages, _____
10. Hugh and Sam will drop by if _____

*Choose the correct form of the verb given to make **CONDITIONAL SENTENCES**.*

1. I _____ (to call) you if I _____ (to need) help with my homework.
2. If you _____ (to go) see that movie, I'm sure you _____ (to enjoy) it.
3. If I _____ (to have) the chance, I _____ (to visit) Europe.
4. He _____ (to make) an excellent father if he _____ (to have) children.
5. To learn the piano / to have time
6. To see the dentist / the pain—to continue
7. To do something tonight / to call you
8. To see a snake / my heart—to stop

Answer the following questions.

1. Where would you go if you won a free trip to any destination?
2. Which other language would you study if you were finished with English?

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3. What would you eat if you could only eat one food for the rest of your life?

4. Which person in this class would you like to change places with for a week if you had the chance?

5. What would you name your child if you had a baby boy? A baby girl?

6. If you could speak to one person alive today, who would it be?

7. If you could speak to one historical person, who would it be?

Match A and B below to create some common North American superstitions.

Example: If a black cat crosses your path, you will have bad luck.

A

1. If you break a mirror,
2. If you find a four-leaf clover,
3. You will have bad luck
4. You will prevent something bad from happening
5. If you open an umbrella indoors
6. A rabbit's paw will bring good luck

B

- (a) if you knock on wood.
- (b) you will bring bad luck to all the people in the house.
- (c) you will have seven years of bad luck
- (d) if you carry one in your pocket.
- (e) you will be the next person to get married

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7. If you catch the bride's bouquet at a wedding, (f) if you walk under a ladder (g) you will be very lucky

Write down some common superstitions from your country.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Mark T next to the sentences that are true and F next to the sentences that are false. There may be two true sentences or two false sentences for a statement.

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| 1. We'd go to the party if we had a car.
a) We went to the party. _____
b) We don't have a car. _____ | 5. If he lived in Vancouver, he would ski every weekend.
a) He lives in Vancouver. _____
b) He skis every weekend. _____ |
| 2. If it were on sale, I would buy it.
a) It's on sale. _____
b) I bought it. _____ | 6. If she stopped smoking, she would feel better.
a) She smokes. _____
b) She feels well. _____ |
| 3. I would go to school in Europe if I had a choice.
a) I have a choice. _____
b) I go to school in Europe. _____ | 7. If they came to class, they would learn English.
a) They come to class. _____
b) They are learning English. _____ |
| 4. If she weren't so nice, I wouldn't be her friend.
a) She is nice. _____
b) I am not her friend. _____ | 8. I would eat more meat if I could afford it.
a) I eat a lot of meat. _____
b) I can afford meat. _____ |