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| **Conditionals: Overview** |
| 1. **ZERO AND FIRST CONDITIONALS: POSSIBLE CONDITIONS IN THE PRESENT OR FUTURE:**

FORM: IF CLAUSE MAIN CLAUSE If + Simple Present Simple Present OR Simple Future* When the SIMPLE PRESENT is used in the main clause, it expresses a repeated action or a fact or general truth.

*Examples:**If I don’t go to bed early, I’m always tired at work the next morning.* *If water reaches zero degrees Celsius, it freezes.* * When the SIMPLE FUTURE is used in the main clause, it expresses a specific activity or situation which may take place in the future.

*Examples:**If I have time, I will help you with your paper tonight.* *If it snows, I might go skiing.* |
|  *If I am late for class, I can’t enter the room until after the break.*  |
| NOTE: Modals can also be used in the main clause. |
| **2. SECOND CONDITIONALS (UNREAL SITUATIONS) IN THE PRESENT OR FUTURE** |
| FORM: IF CLAUSE MAIN CLAUSE If + Simple Past, Would + Base Verb Other Past Tense Modals* This conditional is used to express an imaginary, hypothetical situation in the present time. The situation is contrary to what is actually real at the time of speaking.
* Although the form is in the past, the situation is in the present time.
* It is also used to give advice.  **NOTE:** With the verb “to be” ***WERE*** is the only form used in this situation.

*Examples: If I taught this class, I wouldn’t give any tests. (I don’t teach this class.)* |
|  *If I had enough time, I could extend my stay in this country.(I don’t have enough time.)* |
|  *If I were you, I would marry him. (I’m not you.)* |

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| **3. THIRD IMPOSSIBLE CONDITIONS (UNREAL SITUATIONS) IN THE PAST** |
| FORM: IF CLAUSE MAIN CLAUSE If + Past Perfect, Would + Present Perfect Other Past Tense Modals + Present Perfect* This conditional is used to express an imaginary, hypothetical situation in the past. We know that the situation cannot be accomplished because the sentence refers only to past events.
* It is also used to express regret.
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| *Examples: If I had known about the meeting, I would have gone. (I didn’t know.)* *If I hadn’t fallen off the ladder, I wouldn’t have sprained my foot. (I fell.)* *If she had truly loved him, she wouldn’t have left him. (She didn’t truly love him.)* |
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| *Answer the questions with ‘yes’ or ‘no’.* |

1. If he were a pilot, he would fly everywhere.
2. Does he want to fly everywhere? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Is he going to fly everywhere? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Is he a pilot? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. If I didn’t have any money, I would be destitute.
6. Am I destitute? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. Do I have any money? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. If Barbara had wanted my help, she would have asked me.
9. Did she ask me for help? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
10. Did she want my help? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
11. If Ruth and Rebecca, who are sisters, answered the phone without identifying themselves, I wouldn’t be able to tell their voices apart.
12. Do Ruth and Rebecca answer the phone without identifying themselves? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
13. Can I tell their voices apart? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. Richard wouldn’t have been late for his meeting if he hadn’t had an accident.

1. Was Richard late for his meeting? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Did he have an accident? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| *Fill in the blanks with the correct CONDITIONAL form.* |

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| 1. | If I have enough sugar, I (bake) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_a coffee cake this afternoon. |
| 2. | I would paint my bike if I (have) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_some spare time. |
| 3. | I (not be) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_studying at Centre Linguista if English (be)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_my native language. |
| 4. | Grace didn’t finish the report yesterday. If she (finish)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the report yesterday, she (tell) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_me. |
| 5. | It’s too bad Kevin isn’t here. If he (be)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_here, he (know) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ how to fix the photocopier. |
| 6. | I (make) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_a pie for the bake sale if my oven (be) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ working. |
| 7. | Mark got overlooked for the promotion because he didn’t work hard. However, if he (work) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_hard, he (get) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the promotion. |
| 8. | Sharon always closes her office door if she (be) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_with a client. |
| 9. | If Carl (be) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_free, he would have gone with you. |
| 10. | It sounds like a fantastic party. If I (be) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you I (attend) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |
| 11. | If he had spoken louder she (answer) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_his question. |
| 12. | If she didn’t exercise every day, she (have) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_less energy. |
| 13. | If she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (take) her teacher’s advice, she would be in college by now.  |
| 14. | If the weather (be) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_too cold tomorrow, we will cancel the activity. |