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English – Level 3

– Lesson 3 – Conditional Type Zero and Type One

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Objectives of the Lesson

- To introduce you to conditional sentences.
- To help you distinguish between their different types and put them into use.

Conditional Sentences:

Conditional sentences embed hypothetical situations. A **conditional sentence** consists of two clauses where the realization of the main clause is related to the condition in the dependent clause (if clause).

Pattern:

- If + dependent clause, main clause. (The comma is necessary)
- Main clause, if + dependent clause. (The comma is optional)

Types of Conditionals: There are four main types that are type zero, type one, type two and type three.

1. Conditional Type Zero: it is used for scientific truths, facts or procedures that always happen, so having the same condition will always give the same result. The present simple is the only tense used in this type.

Pattern: if + present simple, present simple.

Dependent clause

main clause

Examples: - If you heat water, it evaporates. } Dependent clause
 - Flowers die if you don't water them. } Main clause
 - If you mix red and yellow, you get orange. }

2. Conditional Type One: it is used for situations that may happen like promises, warnings, possibilities or orders. In this type, two tenses are used that are present simple and future simple.

Pattern: If + present simple, future simple.

Dependent clause

main clause

Examples: - If she works hard, she will succeed. } Dependent clause
 - The mother will punish her child if he misbehaves. } Main clause
 - If Omicron variant spreads, countries will enter a new lockdown. }

Activity: Insert the appropriate punctuation in the following sentences and put the verb between brackets in the correct form.

1. If you (to work).....hard you (get) a gift.
2. The birds (to migrate).....if the weather (to be)..... cold.
3. If a country (to break)..... an international convention the NATO (to punish) it.
4. If you (to add)..... a triangle angles together you (to get)..... 180°.
5. The ground (to get).....wet if the rain (to fall).....

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