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### English - level 1

-Lesson 2-  
conditional  
Rules

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#### *Objective of the lesson*

- *To introduce students to the four types of conditional.*
- *they will be able to differentiate between the different types of conditional and use them correctly.*

## Conditional

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). There are four basic types of conditional sentences.

### **Pattern:**

- if+ dependent clause , main clause. Or
- Main clause+ if+ dependent clause

### **1- Type zero:**

It describes a situation that is always true( scientific truth / general facts). The present simple is the only tense used in this type.

**If+ present simple, present simple**

Examples: if you heat ice, it melts.

I take my umbrella if it rains.

### **2- Type one:**

It is used to talk about possible situations that can really happen. In this type, both present simple and future simple are used.

**If + present simple, future simple.**

Examples: if you revise your lessons, you will pass your exam.

We will catch the train if he arrives soon.

### **3- Type two:**

It is used to describe a situation that is unreal- unlikely to happen in the present or future.

**If+ past simple, would+ stem (verb without to)**

Examples: if I had time, I would help you.

if I **were** you, I would not judge him.

### **4- Type three:**

It always refers to the past. It is used to talk about imaginary situations (situations that are unreal).

**If+ past perfect, would have+ past participle.**

Examples: if she had revised her lessons, she would have passed the exam.

I would have started a business if I had won a million dollar.

**Note:** In both types two and three, you can replace would by might or could.