

Conditionals summary



In short, conditionals describe a **situation** and its **result**, what changes is *structure*, based on what you mean.

zero conditional If + **present simple** → **present simple**
general truths, facts, routines
If you **heat** ice, it **melts**.

first conditional If + **present simple** → **will/can/may** *base form*
real, possible situations
If I **go** to the party, I **will** *have fun*.

second conditional If + **past simple** → **would/could/might** *base form*
unreal, hypothetical, imaginary
If I **won** the lottery, I **would** *travel* the world.

third conditional If + **past perfect** → **would/could/might** + **have** *participle*
hypothetical situation in the past, regrets
If he **had studied** more, he **would have** *passed*.

mixed conditionals If + **past perfect** → **would/could/might** *base form*
past situation affecting the present
If they **had invested** in training, the staff **would** *be* better.

mixed conditionals If + **past simple** → **would/could/might** + **have** *participle*
unreal present with hypothetical past
If you **were** more patient, you **wouldn't have** *fought*.