



English lecture

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Lesson 01: Conditionals

Conditionals describe the result of something that might happen in the present or future.

Kinds of conditionals

➤ Conditional sentences type 0

Used for scientific/ general truth.

Form: if + simple present, + simple present

(if + past simple + past simple)

Examples:

If you heat butter, it melts.

If I have time, I study English.

Years ago if people travelled a long distance, the journey took days.

➤ Conditional sentences type 1

It is possible and very likely that the condition will be fulfilled.

Form: if + simple present, will (future)

if + present perfect can/must/may

Imperatives

Examples:

If I find her address, I will send her an invitation.

If you have studied for this exam, you will pass it.

If it is hot today, we may go swimming.

If you see her, do not tell her I was here.

If you go to the supermarket, you can buy some bread.

➤ Conditional sentences type 2

Improbable

If + past simple would + infinitive

Example: if I were the present, I would raise rates to the wealthier citizens

➤ Conditional sentences type 3

Impossible

If + past perfect would + have past participle

Example: if had got up earlier, you would have arrived on time.