

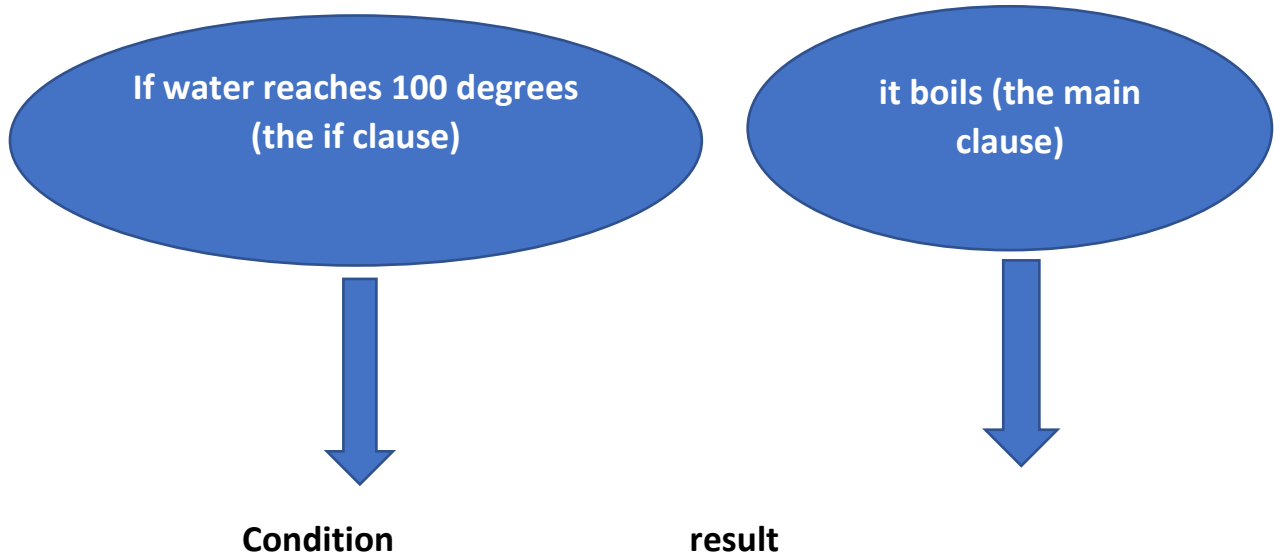
Lecture : Expressing if clauses to solve problems

- A **complete conditional** sentence contains a conditional clause (often referred to as the **if clause**) and a **consequence** or **result clause** (often referred to as **main clause**).

✓ Eg : If water reaches 100 degrees, **it boils**.

(If clause)

(main clause)



- Using the correct structure for each of these different conditional sentences is very important because the meaning changes from one situation to another.
- When using the conditional modes, you should pay attention to the verb tense.
- A comma is used when the If clause precedes the main clause but if the main clause precedes the if clause, there is no need for punctuation.
- The meaning remains the same in the case the **if clause** precedes the **main clause** or **the main clause** precedes the **if clause**.

- There are four types of conditional sentences.

❖ **Types of conditional sentences :**

Types of conditional sentences	When to use	Main clause	If-clause	Examples
Type zero	To talk about general truth or scientific facts.	Simple present tense	Simple present tense	If you heat ice, it melts.
Type 1	To talk about a possible situation and the result.	Will+ stem	Simple present	If you study , you will pass the exam.
Type 2	To talk about a hypothetical situation and the result.	Would+ stem	Simple past	If they sold their house, they would be rich.
Type 3	To talk about an impossible past situation and the result that could have happened.	Would have+ p.p	Past perfect	If you had studied, you would have passed the exam.

Exercise 01 : complete the following sentences using an appropriate verb form.

1. I will come if i (have) time.
2. If you (to run) into peter , tell him that he owes me a letter.
3. If he is late, we (to start) without him.
4. If you (to ask) me, i would have told you.
5. Will it be all right if i (to bring) a friend tonight ?
6. If he (to run) a bit faster, he could have won.
7. If i hadn't been so tired, i (to give) up
8. If you (to want) to learn a musical instrument, you have to practice.

Exercise 02 : write a short paragraph in which you describe a problem that you have to solve using conditional sentences.