

Conditional Sentences

Definition:

A conditional sentence expresses a situation or condition and the result that depends on that condition. सशर्त वाक्य किसी स्थिति या दशा तथा उस स्थिति पर निर्भर परिणाम को व्यक्त करता है।

It generally has **two clauses**:

1. **If-clause (condition part)** – शर्त वाला भाग
2. **Main clause (result part)** – परिणाम वाला भाग

Structure:

If + condition, then + result

("If" clause may come first or after the main clause)

★ Types of Conditionals

1. Zero Conditional (Universal Truth / Fact)

☞ Used for **facts, universal truths, laws of nature.**

☞ Structure: **If + Present Simple, Present Simple**

Examples:

1. If you heat water to 100°C, it boils.
 2. If it rains, the ground gets wet.
 3. If you mix red and blue, you get purple.
 4. If you touch fire, it burns.
 5. If you press the switch, the fan starts.
 6. If people eat too much, they get fat.
 7. If plants do not get water, they die.
 8. If you add sugar to tea, it tastes sweet.
 9. If the sun sets, it becomes dark.
 10. If you divide 10 by 2, you get 5.
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2. First Conditional (Real Present/Future Possibility)

☞ Used for **real or possible situations** in the present or future.

☞ Structure: **If + Present Simple, will + Verb**

Examples:

1. If it rains tomorrow, we will stay at home.
 2. If you study well, you will pass.
 3. If she calls me, I will answer.
 4. If they invite me, I will go.
 5. If the sun shines, we will play outside.
 6. If you work hard, you will succeed.
 7. If you don't hurry, you will miss the bus.
 8. If we reach early, we will get seats.
 9. If I see him, I will tell him the truth.
 10. If you ask, he will help you.
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3. Second Conditional (Unreal / Hypothetical Present or Future)

☞ Used for **imaginary or unreal situations**.

☞ Structure: **If + Past Simple, would + Verb**

Examples:

1. If I were a bird, I would fly in the sky.
 2. If he studied harder, he would pass.
 3. If I won the lottery, I would buy a car.
 4. If it rained now, the garden would be fresh.
 5. If she knew the answer, she would tell us.
 6. If we had a car, we would travel far.
 7. If he played well, he would join the team.
 8. If I were rich, I would help the poor.
 9. If they came here, we would welcome them.
 10. If you asked politely, he would agree.
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4. Third Conditional (Unreal Past / Regret)

📖 Used for **imaginary situations in the past** (often with regret).

📖 Structure:

If + Past Perfect, would have + V3

Examples:

1. If I had studied, I would have passed the exam.
2. If he had left early, he would have caught the train.
3. If it had rained yesterday, the match would have been cancelled.
4. If she had called me, I would have gone.
5. If they had invited me, I would have attended.
6. If you had helped me, I would have succeeded.
7. If we had played better, we would have won.
8. If I had worked hard, I would have scored more marks.
9. If you had spoken kindly, she would have forgiven you.
10. If they had studied, they would have passed.

✓ Quick Recap Table:

Type	Structure	Usage
Zero Conditional	If + Present, Present	Universal truth / facts
First Conditional	If + Present, will + Verb	Real future possibility
Second Conditional	If + Past, would + Verb	Unreal / hypothetical present/future
Third Conditional	If + Past Perfect, would have + V3	Unreal past / regret