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CONDITIONALS

WHAT ARE THEY?

There are 4 types of conditionals:

1. Zero conditional
2. First conditional
3. Second conditional
4. Third conditional

* There are times in which one conditional is mixed with another (mixed conditionals).

WHEN DO WE USE THE CONDITIONALS?

1. Zero conditional:

We use the zero conditional to give advice and to talk about things that are generally true.

Structure:

IF/ WHEN/ UNLESS + VERB (present simple), VERB (present simple)
or
VERB (present simple) + IF/ WHEN/ UNLESS + VERB (present simple)

Examples:

1. Streets flood when it rains. / When it rains, streets flood.
2. If you heat ice, it melts. / Ice melts if you heat it.
3. Plants die if they don't get enough water. / If plants don't get enough water, they die.

2. First conditional:

We use the first conditional to talk about a strong possibility or certainty of something in the future.

Structure:

IF/ WHEN/ UNLESS + VERB (simple present), WILL + VERB
or
WILL + VERB + IF/ WHEN/ UNLESS + VERB (simple present)

Examples:

1. If I win the lottery, I will (I'll) buy a new car. / I will (I'll) buy a new car if I win the lottery.
2. When I get the job, I will be so happy. / I will be so happy when I get the job.
3. You will be successful if you work hard. / If you work hard, you will be successful.

3. Second Conditional:

We use the second conditional to talk about hypothetical situations.

Structure:

IF + VERB (simple past), WOULD + VERB
or
Subject + WOULD + VERB + IF + VERB (simple past)

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Examples:

1. If I had more time, I would (I'd) read more books. / I would (I'd) read more books if I had more time.
2. If Marcos spoke English better, he would travel more. / Marcos would travel more if he spoke English better.
3. We would buy a nicer house if we had more money. / If we had more money, we would buy a nicer house.

4. Third Conditional:

We use the third conditional to talk about a past hypothetical situation and its hypothetical result.

Structure:

IF + PAST PERFECT, WOULD HAVE + PAST PARTICIPLE

or

WOULD HAVE + PAST PARTICIPLE + IF + PAST PERFECT

Examples:

1. If I had known that I was pregnant, I would not (wouldn't) have eaten the sushi. / I would not (wouldn't) have eaten the sushi if I had known that I was pregnant.
2. If Pedro had studied more, he would have passed the test. / Pedro would have passed the test if he had studied more.
3. I would have gotten the job if I had prepared more. / If I had prepared more, I would have gotten the job.
4. We wouldn't have missed our flight if you hadn't overslept. / If you hadn't overslept, we wouldn't have missed our flight.

EXERCÍCIOS

Translate from English to Portuguese.

1. **If I could live anywhere in the world, I would live in Hawaii.** - *Se eu pudesse morar em qualquer lugar do mundo, eu moraria em Havaí.*
2. **If I had known he was married, I wouldn't have accepted his invitation.** - *Se eu soubesse que ele estava casado, eu não teria aceitado o convite dele.*
3. **If you use your cellphone at night, you will hurt your eyes.** - *Se você usar seu celular à noite, você vai machucar seus olhos.*

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Translate from Portuguese to English.

1. *Se eu tiver tempo, terminarei meu livro hoje.* = **If I have time, I will finish my book today.**
2. *O que você faria se eu decidisse mudar para outro país?* = **What would you do if I decided to move to another country?**
3. *Se eu pudesse reviver minha infância de novo, eu prestaria mais atenção na escola e seria mais legal com as outras crianças.* = **If I could relive my childhood, I would pay more attention in school and be nicer to the other kids.**

PRACTICE

1. What would you do if you won a million dollars?
2. If you spoke English perfectly, how would your life be different?
3. If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you want to live?
4. If you could have any talent, what would it be?
5. If you could meet any famous person, who would it be?

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Possible answers:

1. If I won a million dollars, I would buy a new house for my grandparents.
2. If I spoke English perfectly, I would have a higher-paying job.
3. If I could live anywhere in the world, I would live in Mexico.
4. If I could have any talent, I would want to be good at playing the violin.
5. If I could meet any famous person, I would want to meet Oprah.