



Conditional sentence

Always remember	If clause	Result clause	Examples
True in the present/ Future (General Truth)	Simple Present	Simple Present/Simple Future	(a) If she has enough time, she goes to the library once every week. (b) If she has enough time, she will go to the library once every week.
Untrue in the present/future (Unlikely to happen)	Simple Past	Would+ Simple Form	(c) If she had enough time, she would go to the library once every week. (However, the truth is that she does not have enough time, so she will not go to the library)
Untrue in the past (Impossible situation in past)	Past Perfect	Would have+ past participle	(d) If she had had enough time, she would have gone to the library once every week. (However, the truth is that she didn't have enough time, so she didn't go anywhere.)

Hey guys!

Today we'll check again the second conditional sentence.

One thing you need to remember is that the second conditional happens when we talk about the opposite to the truth, or even something that won't probably happen in the future.

The structure is:

If + simple past, would + verb (base form)

OR

Person + would + verb (base form) if + simple past (NO COMMA!)

If I taught this class, I wouldn't give tests.

But the truth is, I don't teach this class.

If he were here right now, he would help us.
In fact, he is not here right now, so there's nothing he can do.

If I were you, I would accept their invitation.
The truth is, I am not you. I'll never be you.

Remember: we use "were" for all persons in the second conditional when we talk about impossible/hypothetical situations: I, He, She, It will be followed by "were".
Sometimes you can see "was" being used in very informal speech but is not generally considered grammatically acceptable.

We can use "was" only if we are talking about a normal condition in the past:
When I was little, if I was a good girl, my parents would give me chocolate

When the If clause is negative, we use **didn't + verb (base form)**:
If she **didn't work**, she would watch TV all day long.

When the result clause is negative, we use **wouldn't + verb (base form)**:
If I had more money, I **wouldn't work**.

This class is very short, I know.
We just need to recap some things before going deeper in the content.

Hope you liked it!
See you next class!