

Módulo 08

Expanding Horizons

Aula 74

CONDITIONALS (IF)

IMAGINED CONDITIONS

There are different types of conditions.
Some are possible or likely, others are unlikely,
and others are impossible:

If the weather improves, we will go for a walk.
(It is possible or likely that the weather will improve.)

If the weather improved, we could go for a walk.
(It is not likely that the weather will improve.)

If the weather had improved, we could have gone for a walk.
(The weather did not improve – fine weather is therefore
an impossible condition.)

These types of conditions are used in three types of
sentences, called first, second and third conditional
sentences.

FIRST CONDITIONAL

We use the first conditional to talk about the result of an imagined future situation, when we believe the imagined situation is quite likely:

[imagined future situation]

[future result]

If the taxi doesn't come soon, I'll drive you myself.

<i>if + present</i>	modal verb with future meaning (<i>shall/should/will/would/can/could/may/might</i>)
<i>If he gets a job in Liverpool,</i>	<i>He will have to get up early.</i>
<i>If Sheila rings,</i>	<i>I could ask her to come here for dinner.</i>
<i>If you learn English,</i>	<i>You can understand native speakers.</i>
<i>If they study hard,</i>	<i>They will live great experiences.</i>
<i>If I always do the exercises,</i>	<i>My learning may be better.</i>



SECOND CONDITIONAL

We use the second conditional to talk about the possible result of an imagined situation in the present or future. We say what the conditions must be for the present or future situation to be different.

If people complained, things would change.
(People don't complain at the moment.)

<i>if + past</i>	modal verb with future-in-the-past meaning (<i>should/would/might/could</i>)
<i>If I were rich,</i>	<i>I would travel a lot.</i>
<i>If I lived in The USA,</i>	<i>I would be happy.</i>
<i>If you had money,</i>	<i>You could buy a big house.</i>
<i>If I did the exercises,</i>	<i>My learning would be better.</i>



THIRD CONDITIONAL

We use the third conditional when we imagine a different past, where something did or did not happen, and we imagine a different result:

If I had played better, I would have won.

(I didn't play well and I didn't win.)

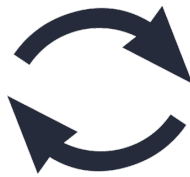
***It would have been easier if George
had brought his own car.***

(George didn't bring his own car, so the situation was difficult.)

***If the dog hadn't barked, we wouldn't have
known there was someone in the garden.***

(The dog barked, so we knew there was someone in the garden.)

<i>if + past perfect</i>	modal verb with future-in-the-past meaning (<i>should/would/might/could</i>) + <i>have</i> + third form
<i>If I had done my lesson,</i>	<i>I would have understood now.</i>
<i>If I had lived in The UK,</i>	<i>I could have seen informations about Europe.</i>
<i>If you had slept early yesterday,</i>	<i>You would have worked hard today.</i>
<i>If I had stayed home,</i>	<i>I could have watched my favorite movie.</i>



Analyzing Possibilities

Make 200 sentences for each kind of Conditional.