

There are 4 main types of *if sentences* in English, often called conditional sentences.

- These sentences are in two halves (clauses):
- the if part (if clause)
- the other part where you can use words such as can, will, may, might, could and would (main clause)





If clause	Main clause
If + Present simple	Present simple

If I am late for school,

my teacher gets angry.

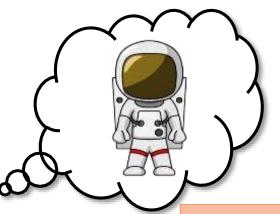


Type 1st conditional express a real or very probably situation in the present or future

If clause	Main clause
If + Present tense	will / can / may / must + verb

If I go to London,

I will see the Big Ben.





Type 2nd conditionals express an imaginary or improbable situation which is unlikely to happen in the present or future.

If clause	Main clause
If + Past Simple	would / could / might + verb

If I were an astronaut,

I would travel in a spaceship.





Type 3rd conditionals express an imaginary situations in the past: that is, they refer to past situations that is not happen.

If clause	Main clause
If + Past Perfect	would/could/might + have + past
tense	participle

If I had studied hard,

I would have passed my exams.

Conditional Sentences Type I, II or III

1. If I stronger, I'd help you carry the piano.



If I <u>were</u> stronger, I'd help you carry the piano. 2. If we'd seen you, we stop.

If we'd seen you, we <u>would have stopped</u>. 3. If we meet him tomorrow, we'll say hello.

If we <u>meet</u> him tomorrow, we'll say hello.

4. He would have repaired the car himself if he have the tools.

He would have repaired the car himself If he had had the tools

5. If you drop the vase, it break.

If you drop the vase, it will break

Conditional Sentences Type I, II or III

1. If I hadn't studied, I pass the exam.



- If I hadn't studied, I wouldn't have passed the exam.
- 2. I wouldn't go to school by bus if I have a driving licence.I wouldn't go to school by bus if I had a driving license.
- 3. If she see him every day, she'd be lovesick.

If she didn't see him everyday, she'd be lovesick.

4. I travel to London if I don't get a cheap flight.

I won't travel to London If I don't get a cheap flight.

5. We'd be stupid if we tell him about our secret.We'd be stupid if we told him about our secret.