Zero Conditional

-- Usage---

We use zero conditional for situations that are **always true** if something happens.



'If' clause: present simple (



'Result' clause: **present simple**

If I am late, I call a taxi.

You can also put the result clause first **without** using a **comma** between the clauses!



He doesn't mind



if Sam cycles home from school.



Note

This use is **similar to**, and can usually be replaced by, a time clause using '**when**'

When I am late, I call a taxi.

He doesn't mind
when Sam cycles home from school.

First Conditional

-Usage

We use the first conditional to talk about **possible situations** in the future



'If' clause: **present simple**



'Result' clause: future simple

If it storms tomorrow, our flight might get cancelled.

You can also put the result clause first **without** using a **comma** between the clauses!





if I drink my vitamins everyday.



Note —

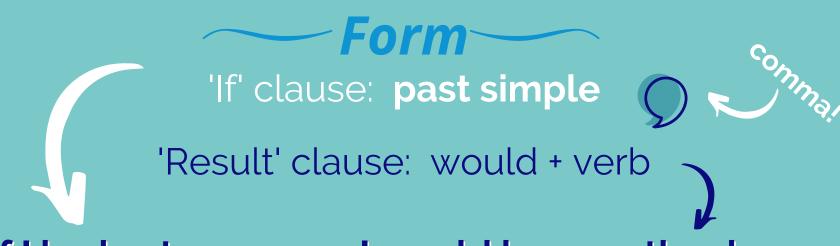
We can also replace "if" in the first conditional by other phrases such as: unless, as long as, in case or as soon as.

Unless there is a dangerous storm, our hike will continue tomorrow.

Second Conditional



We use the second conditional to talk about **unreal situations** in the present or in the future.



If I had extra money, I would buy another house.

You can also put the result clause first **without** using a **comma** between the clauses!





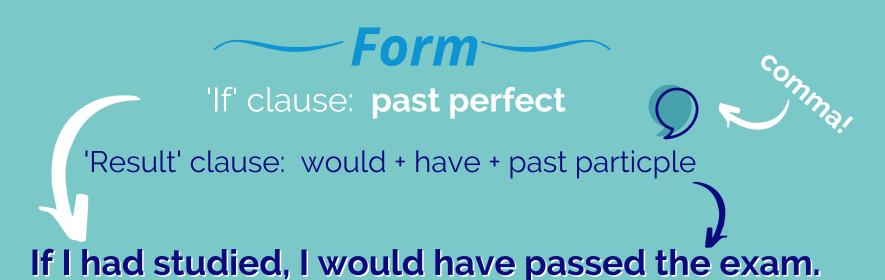
you can also use 'could' in the if clause. The verb that follows 'could' will be in the infinitive form not past simple.

If you could meet anyone in the world, who would you meet?

Third Conditional

-- Usage---

We use the third conditional to talk about a condition from the past that **did not happen**.



You can also put the result clause first **without** using a **comma** between the clauses!



Note

We can also use the third conditional to imagine a different outcome as it is too late for the condition or the result to happen.

If there wasn't traffic this morning, I would have been on time.