

Conditional Sentences

I. Factual Conditional Sentences

Tense	If Clause:	Result Clause:	Formula
Present Real	If I <u>eat</u> ,	I get full.	Simple Present + Simple Present
Past Real	If I <u>ate</u> ,	I got full.	Simple Past + Simple Past
Future	If I <u>eat</u> ,	I will get full.	Simple Present + Future

Additional elements used in these sentences:

1. modals in one or both clauses
2. not in one or both clauses
3. progressive forms may be used in all the conditions

Examples:

1. If you have enough money, you **can** buy one.
2. If you **don't** have enough money, you **can't** buy one.
3. If I **am enjoying** myself, I don't mind where I go.

II. Unreal Conditional Sentences

Tense	If Clause:	Result Clause:	Formula
Present Unreal	If I <u>had</u> a car,	I would take you places.	Simple Past + Would + Base Form of Verb
Past Unreal	If I <u>had had</u> a car,	I would have taken you places.	Past Perfect + Would + Have + Past Participle

Additional Information:

1. In present unreal, the verb "to be" becomes "**were**" for all subjects.
2. Could or might may be used in the result clause. However, the meaning changes. **Would** expresses a **definite intention**, whereas **could** expresses a **possibility or an ability** and **might** expresses a **possibility**
3. Progressive forms can be used in both clauses
4. Present unreal conditions can also be used to express a future condition; however, unlike the factual future conditions, these mean that it is improbable the condition will take place.
5. In contrary to fact conditions, positive means negative and negative means positive.

Examples:

1. If Jane were my boss, she would treat me better.
- 2a. If Jane were my boss, she could treat me better.
- 2b. If Jane were our boss, we might be able to do that.
- 3a. If I were going with you, I would be happier.
- 3b. If I were with you, we would all be having fun.
4. If you were going with us on the trip, we could have a great time.



5. If you were not singing, we would be so happy!!!

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