

The Conditional Sentence

A conditional sentence is a sentence that gives a condition (example: *If it snows*) and the outcome of the condition occurring (example: *the game will be cancelled*).

There are four types of Conditional Sentences:

| Conditional sentence type | Usage | If clause verb tense | Main clause verb tense | EXAMPLE |
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| Zero | General truths | Simple present | Simple present | If you <u>sleep</u> , you <u>feel</u> better in the morning. |
| Type 1 | A possible condition and its probable result | Simple present | Simple future | If you <u>get</u> some sleep, you <u>will feel</u> better in the morning. |
| Type 2 | A hypothetical condition and its probable result | Simple past | Present conditional or Present continuous conditional | If you <u>were</u> unable to sleep, then you <u>would know</u> what it's like to be an insomniac. |
| Type 3 | An unreal past condition and its probable result in the past | Past perfect | Perfect conditional | If you <u>had slept</u> last night, then you <u>would have passed</u> the exam. |