

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
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.