



## Conditional Sentence Structure

### ***Zero Conditional***

The zero conditional describes situations that are always true. It has the same meaning as when or whenever. (Example: If it rains, I drive to work.)

**Formation: IF CLAUSE (Simple Present) + MAIN CLAUSE (Simple Present)**

### ***First Conditional***

The first conditional is used to speculate about possible situations that can really happen at present or in future. (Example: If you pass your driver's test, I'll buy you a car.)

**Formation: IF CLAUSE (Simple Present) + MAIN CLAUSE (Future)**

### ***Second Conditional***

Second conditional sentences speculate about situations that will probably never happen at present or in future. (Example: If I meet Brad Pitt, I would propose to him!)

**Formation: IF CLAUSE (Simple Past) + MAIN CLAUSE (Conditional)**

### ***Third Conditional***

Third conditional sentences always refer to the past. (Example: If I had studied German in school, I would know four languages now.)

**Formation: IF CLAUSE (Past Perfect) + MAIN CLAUSE (Conditional)**