

Conditional Structures

We use conditional structures to talk about results of a condition. Usually we use 'if' to show that something may happen as a result of the condition.

We can change the tense of the verbs in the sentences to change how likely we think something is to happen. For more information see my longer lesson document on conditionals. For an overview of the main types of conditional sentences see the table below. **Note** v1 = present verb and v2 = past verb.

| Type | Form | Use | Example |
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| 0 | If + v1 + v1 | Facts/ habits | If the lesson is interesting, I learn a lot. |
| 1 | If + v1 + will | Future | If I study hard, I will pass the test. |
| 2 | If + v2 + would | Unreal future | If I spoke French, I would work in Paris. |
| 3 | If + past perfect + present perfect | Past that can't change | If I had learnt French, I would have taken the job in Paris. |