

## The conditionals

**'zero' conditional**      The situation is always true.

If + present , present

If you heat water at 100°C, it boils.

*If = when/ whenever (every time)*

**1<sup>st</sup> conditional**      Real and possible situations

If + present, will + inf (without 'to')  
, imperative form

If you study hard, you will pass the exam.

May/ might/ could = uncertainty/ possibility

### UNLESS

I won't pass my exam **unless I study** hard.

unless + positive verb form

### IMPERATIVE

If + present, imperative form

If you change your mind, **give** me a call.

**2<sup>nd</sup> conditional.**      Hypothetical/ imaginary situations in the present

If + past, would + inf (without 'to')

Might/ could = uncertainty, possibility, ability

If I had more time, = I don't have much time

Imaginary : I'd go on holiday.      REAL: so I can't go on holiday.

### BE

If I were/was a wealthy person, I'd buy a sports car.

(ALSO he/ she/ it was/ were)

FOR ADVICE

If I **were** you, = fixed expression.... NOT ~~If I was~~ you

**3<sup>rd</sup> conditional** Hypothetical/ imaginary situations in the past

If + past perfect, would have + pp  
(ALSO could/ might = uncertainty, possibility, ability)

If we had gone back to England, we wouldn't have been happy.

*Reality* = we didn't go back to England

*Result* = we were happy

### Mixed conditionals

**3<sup>rd</sup> conditional:**

If I **hadn't broken** my leg, I **would have gone** on holiday with you.

*Reality*: I broke my leg. **(past)** I didn't go on holiday. **(past result)**

*Compare:*

**Mixed**

If I <sup>3<sup>rd</sup></sup> **hadn't broken** my leg, I <sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup> **would go** on holiday with you.

*Reality:* I broke my leg. **(past)** I can't go on holiday with you. **(present)**

If you really <sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup> **loved** me, you <sup>3<sup>rd</sup></sup> **wouldn't have kissed** him/her at the party last night.

*Reality:* You don't really love me. **(present)** You kissed someone at the party. **(past)**