

Conditionals

Complete the blanks in the conditionals table.

MEANING	TYPE	IF-CLAUSE	RESULT CLAUSE	EXAMPLE
True in the present/future	Zero		Simple present	If you add two and two, you get four.
		Present tense (present simple, present continuous, present perfect)		If my son gets worse tonight, I'll take him to hospital.
	Second		Would + bare infinitive	If I had a lot of money, I'd buy a big house by the sea.
		Past perfect simple or past perfect continuous		If he'd arrived on time, we could have caught the plane.
	Mixed		Would + bare infinitive	If I had taken a painkiller, I would be better now.
Untrue in the present and its relation to past			Would+have+V3	If she had enough money, she could have done this trip to Paris.

Discuss the meaning in these *italic* sentences.

It's two o'clock in the afternoon, and I'm working now. <i>If I have enough time, I will call you tonight.</i>	I can't go to the party. <i>If I got an invitation, I'd go there right away.</i>
Bob is one of my friends with whom I have some problems recently. <i>If he didn't annoy me so much, I'd spend more time in his office.</i>	Look Jane! I'm terribly sorry, but <i>if I had known that you were coming, I'd have met you at the airport.</i>
<i>If I had eaten breakfast in the morning, I would not be hungry now.</i>	<i>If Alex were a good student, he would have studied for the test yesterday.</i>

Class: Level: Intermediate Date: Duration: 45 mins	Teacher Notes	
	Target Language : Conditional clauses (Zero, first, second, third, mixed)	
	Vocabulary:	

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Meaning	TYPE	IF-CLAUSE	Result Clause	Example
True in the present/future	Zero	Simple present	Simple present	If you add two and two, you get four.
	First	Present tense (present simple, present continuous, present perfect)	Will + bare infinitive	If my son gets worse tonight, I'll take him to hospital.
Untrue in the present/future	Second	Past Simple or past Continuous	Would + bare infinitive	If I had a lot of money, I'd buy a big house by the sea.
Untrue in the past	Third	Past perfect simple or past perfect continuous	Would+have+V3	If he'd arrived on time, we could have caught the plane.
Untrue in the past and its result	Mixed	Past perfect simple or past perfect continuous	Would + bare infinitive	If I had taken a painkiller, I would be better now.
Untrue in the present and its relation to past	Mixed	Past Simple or past Continuous	Would+have+V3	If she had enough money, she could have done this trip to Paris.

Discuss the meaning in these sentences.

Sentences	Concept Checking Questions
It's two o'clock in <i>the</i> afternoon, and I'm working now. <i>If I have enough time, I will call you tonight.</i>	<i>Do I have enough time? MAYBE</i>
	<i>It's 20.00 and my uncle has made a surprise visit, Will I call you? NO</i>
I can't go to the party. <i>If I got an invitation, I'd go there right away.</i>	<i>Do I have an invitation? NO</i>
	<i>Do I want to go there? PROBABLY YES</i>
	<i>Is this (having an invitation) real or imaginary? IMAGINARY</i>
	<i>Is the party in past or future? FUTURE</i>
Bob is one of my friends with whom I have some problems recently. <i>If he didn't annoy me so much, I'd spend more time in his office.</i>	<i>Does Bob annoy me a lot? YES</i>
	<i>Do I want to go to his office? NO</i>
	<i>Is "not annoying" real or imaginary? IMAGINARY</i>
	<i>Is this happening now or future? NOW</i>
Look Jane! I'm terribly sorry, but <i>if I had known that you were coming, I'd have met you at the airport.</i>	<i>Have I heard her arrival? NO</i>
	<i>Did I go to the airport? NO</i>
	<i>Is Jane's arrival in the present or past? PAST</i>
	<i>Is Jane angry now? MAYBE ☺</i>
<i>If I had eaten breakfast in the morning, I would not be hungry now.</i>	<i>Did I eat breakfast in the morning? NO</i>
	<i>Am I hungry now? YES</i>
<i>If Alex were a good student, he would have studied for the test yesterday.</i>	<i>Is Alex a good student? NO</i>
	<i>Did he study for the test yesterday? NO</i>