

## The Conditionals

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eg. *If he studies a lot, he'll pass his exams.*

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eg. *If it were sunny, we'd go out now.*  
*If I won the lottery, I'd buy a Ferrari.*

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eg. *If it had been sunny yesterday, we'd have had a picnic outside.*

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