

Conditionals/If Clauses

Zero Conditional

- **If/when clause > present simple : result clause > present simple**

Fakten. Normal im Simple Present

Use: facts. Normally in the simple present tense.

- When you heat ice, it melts
- If I eat nuts, I have an allergic reaction

1st Conditional

- **if clause > present simple : result clause > “will” future / modal verb + verb**

Situationen die wahrscheinlich UND möglich sind

Use. Situations that are likely and possible

- If we don't leave now, we will be late
- If you work hard, you will get a pay rise

2nd Conditional

- **if clause > past simple : result clause > would/could + verb**

Situationen die unwahrscheinlich aber trotzdem möglich oder sogar unmöglich

Use: Situations that are unlikely but still possible or even impossible

- If I were you, I would talk to your boss about the problem
- If we lived in Australia, we could spend Christmas on the beach

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3rd Conditional (Type a)

- **if clause > past perfect : result clause > would/could + verb**

Use: Situations that are impossible but with present result

- If he had slept better last night, he would be awake now
- If I had saved more money, I would go on holiday to Spain

3rd Conditional (Type b)

- **if clause > past perfect : result clause > would/could have + past participle**

Use: Situations that are impossible past with past result

- If I had known it was your birthday, I would have bought you a present
- If there hadn't been an accident on the motorway, we wouldn't have missed the plane