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## IF CONDITIONALS



### Clause

A grammatical unit which has got subject and predicate and it forms the part of a sentence is called a clause.

A conditional sentence has two parts-If clause and Main clause.

They are used to express an action, then along with that it has a condition.

### 1)Open Condition (Likely to happen )

Format: If clause + Simple present + Main clause (sub + will/shall / can / may )+ V1

Eg:1) If I go to Delhi, I will visit Tajmahal.

2) If you study well, you will pass the exam.

### 2) Improbable Condition (Unlikely to happen)

Format - If clause + Simple past+ Main clause (sub + would/should/could/ might )+ V1

Eg. 1) If you invited me, I would come to the function.

2) If you asked me, I would give it to you.

### 3)Impossible Condition (Never and going to happen )

Format :If clause+ Past perfect(had+V3)+Main clause (sub + would, should, could, might+ have )+ V3

Eg:-. 1)If you had studied well, you would have passed the exam.

2) If you had informed me , I would have kept him at a distance.

#### 4) Zero Condition

This is a Universal Truth. Universal truth is always conveyed in simple present tense. This is called zero condition.

Eg: 1) If you heat water at 100° c , it boils.

2) If it rains, the ground gets wet .

#### Exercises

Complete the given sentences.

1. If the children \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in bed, I \_\_\_\_\_ (be able to) have a bath.
2. If you \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) so stubborn, we \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) so many arguments!
3. If Surya \_\_\_\_\_ (not go) to Sweden, she \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Germany.
4. If she \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the library, she \_\_\_\_\_ (study) more.
5. If we \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) an argument, we \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) late.
6. If you \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) early, it \_\_\_\_\_ (be) less stressful.
7. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (not go) to the party, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not meet) Amanda.
8. If Sandya \_\_\_\_\_ (like) chocolate, I \_\_\_\_\_ (give) her some.

## Answers

1. If the children were in bed, I would be able to have a bath.
2. If you were not so stubborn, we would not have so many arguments!
3. If Surya did not go to Sweden, she would go to Germany.
4. If she goes to the library, she will study more.
5. If we did not have an argument, we would not be late.
6. If you arrive early, it will be less stressful.
7. If I did not go to the party, I would not meet Amanda.
8. If Sandya likes chocolate, I will give her some.