

VERBS (2)

Tenses (02) - The Conditional (6)

The Conditional: in context

2 min

What is the conditional?



If I had money, I would buy a car.

We use the conditional to speak about a result that depends on a condition.

The Different Types of Conditional

13 min

There are four basic conditionals that we use very often. There are some more conditionals that we do not use so often. The four basic conditionals are:

Type of Conditional	Time	Probability	Example
Zero Conditional	any time	certainty	If you freeze water, it becomes ice.
First Conditional	future	real possibility	If I have money, I will buy a car.
Second Conditional	future	unreal possibility or dream	If I had money, I would buy a car.
Third Conditional	past	no possibility	If I had had money, I would have bought a car.

We can also use the negative form.

Examples:

If you do not freeze water, it does not become ice.

If I do not have money, I will not buy a car.

If I did not have money, I would not buy a car.

If I had not had money, I would not have bought a car.

We can ask questions.

Examples:

If you freeze water, what does it become?

If you have money, what will you do? / If you have money, will you buy a car?

If you had money, what would you do? / If you had money, would you buy a car?

If you had had money, what would you have done? / If you had had money, would you have bought a car?

Writing Exercise

5 min

Complete the sentences with the words below:

will, will not, would, would not, would have, would not have

1. If I were you, I _____ buy this shirt, it looks too big.
2. If my mother were here, she _____ agree with me.
3. We _____ go for a picnic if the weather is nice.
4. If there are subtitles, it _____ be difficult to understand the movie.
5. If he had had a cell phone, he _____ used a public phone.
6. You _____ enjoyed this trip if you had come.

Writing Exercise

5 min

Put the words in the correct order.

1. If/money/would/had/vacation/go/on/I/I

2. If/it/same/were/my/sisters/here/the/would/not/not/be

3. If/comes/she/he/happy/very/will/be

4. If/I/you/seen/said/have/hello/would/had/I

5. If/available/always/is/he/replies/he/away/right

6. If/I/I/to/excuse/will/not/good/find/a/go/meeting/the

Writing Exercise

5 min

Complete the sentences with the appropriate verb form.

1. If you heat water, it _____ into vapor. (to turn)
2. If she has time, she _____ to the zoo with us. (to go)
3. We _____ to Las Vegas, if we had a car. (to drive)
4. If Anita comes home late, her parents _____. (to worry)
5. If I had had a cell phone, I _____ you a text message. (to send)
6. You _____ this movie, if you see it. (to love)
7. If he moved to the city, he _____ more job opportunities. (to move)
8. They do not usually spend a lot of money, they _____ what to do, if they won the lottery. (to know)
9. If we had known the bad reputation of this restaurant, we _____ there. (to go)
10. If I don't find it, I _____ you. (to call)

Speaking Exercise with the Instructor

5 min

Listen to your teacher's questions. Then, answer.

Example: What would you do if you won the lottery? I would buy a boat.

1. Where would you go if you had a private jet for a few days?
2. What would you do if you could have any job you wanted?
3. What will you do if the weather is nice this weekend?
4. What does your boss say if you are late?

Watch the Video!

10 min

With this song, you will practice the conditional.

Watch the video:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zksj_9wpvQM&feature=related

Watch it again and complete the lyrics with the conditional:

If I had a million dollars

I _____ you a house

If I had a million dollars

I'd buy you furniture for your house

(Maybe a nice chesterfield or an ottoman)

And if I had a million dollars

Well, I'd buy you a K-Car

(A nice Reliant automobile)

If I _____ a million dollars, I'd buy your love

If I had a million dollars

I _____ a tree fort in our yard

If I had million dollars

You _____, it _____ that hard

If I had million dollars

Maybe we _____ like a little tiny fridge in there somewhere

You know, we could just go up there and hang out

Like open the fridge and stuff

There would already be laid out foods for us

Like little pre-wrapped sausages and things

They have pre-wrapped sausages but they don't have pre-wrapped bacon

Well, can you blame 'em

Uh, yeah

If I had a million dollars

Well, I'd buy you a fur _____

(But not a real fur coat that's cruel)

And if I had a million dollars

Well, I'd buy you an exotic _____
(Yep, like a llama or an emu)
And if I had a million dollars
Well, I'd buy you John Merrick's remains
(Ooh, all them crazy elephant _____)
And If I had a million dollars, I'd buy your love

If I had a million dollars
We _____ to walk to the store
If I had a million dollars
Now, we _____ a limousine 'cause it costs more
If I had a million dollars
We wouldn't have to eat Kraft Dinner
But we _____ Kraft Dinner
Of course we would, we'd just eat more
And buy really expensive ketchups with it
That's right, all the fanciest ke... dijon ketchups!
Mmmmmm, Mmmm-Hmmm

If I had a million dollars
Well, I'd buy you a green _____
(But not a real green dress, that's cruel)
And if I had a million dollars
Well, I'd buy you some _____
(A Picasso or a Garfunkel)
If I had a million dollars
Well, I'd buy you a _____
(Haven't you always wanted a monkey?)
If I had a million dollars, I'd buy your love

If I had a million dollars, If I had a million dollars
If I had a million dollars, If I had a million dollars
If I had a million dollars, I _____ rich.

Quiz

10 min

Complete the chart with the punctuation symbol or its name

Symbol	Name
.	period or full stop
,	comma
?	question mark
!	exclamation mark
:	colon
;	semicolon
'	apostrophe

Symbol	Name
" "	quotation marks
/	slash
()	parenthesis
[]	brackets
—	dash
-	hyphen

True or False?

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| 1. The zero conditional applies to any time. | true | false |
| 2. The first conditional applies to the past. | true | false |
| 3. The second conditional applies to the future. | true | false |
| 4. The third conditional applies to the present. | true | false |

Match the type of conditional to the appropriate probability.

Type of Conditional	Probability
1. Zero Conditional	a. no possibility
2. First Conditional	b. unreal possibility or dream
3. Second Conditional	c. certainty
4. Third Conditional	d. real possibility

Choose the correct answer:

1. If I _____ my driver's license, my parents will buy me a used car. (pass / passed)

2. She would listen to you, if you _____ to her nicely. (speak / spoke)
3. If you _____ to Brazil, you will love it! (go / went)
4. If we had helped him, he _____ all these problems. (would not have had / would not have)
5. If I had listened to my wife, I _____ in trouble. (would not have been / would not be)
6. If you smile, people usually _____ back at you. (will smile / smile)
7. I don't know what I will do, if _____ my job. (lose / will lose)
8. If you _____ away good clothes instead of donating them, it is a waste. (throw / will throw)
9. I will give her my jacket, if she _____ cold. (will get / gets)
10. You _____ it, if you came. (will not regret / would not regret)