

Conditionals

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First conditional

If + present tense, will + bare infinitive

Real or likely conditions in the present or future.

If you *have* a birthday party, you'll *get* lots of presents.

Second conditional

**If + past simple or past continuous,
would + bare infinitive**

Impossible, unlikely or hypothetical conditions in the present or future and their results in the present or future.

If you **had** a beard, you **would look** like Charles Dickens!

Third Conditional

If + past perfect, would have + V3

Hypothetical conditionals in the past and their results in the past

If you **had done** your homework yesterday, you **wouldn't have got** a bad mark.

WISHES

We can use **WISH/IF ONLY** to express a wish.

If only is used in exactly the same way as **I wish** but it is more emphatic or more dramatic.

About a present situation

+ past simple/past continuous

I wish I were not working now. (but I am!)

If only it were summer now and I were swimming. (but it is not so!)

REGRET about smth that happened
or didn't happen in the past

+ past perfect

I wish I had worked harder. (but I didn't!)

If only I hadn't been so lazy. (but I were!)

A polite imperative/a desire for a situation or **person's behavior to change**

+ subject+would+bare infinitive

I wish you wouldn't be so shy. (but you are!)

If only you would listen to me. (but you don't!)



THANK YOU