

Le Conditionnel est utilisé pour parler de situations irréelles, improbables ou sujettes à une condition, dans un temps passé, présent ou futur.

Il existe quatre formes de conditionnels. "if" est utilisé pour introduire la condition.

ZERO CONDITIONAL : présent - situation réalisable ou systématique, lien de causalité	
- <i>If it rains, you get wet.</i> - <i>If you want to be fit, you need to train hard !</i>	→ les deux verbes sont au présent

FIRST CONDITIONAL : présent ou futur - situation peu probable ou sujette à condition	
- <i>If he is at home, I will visit him.</i> - <i>If the photos are good, I'll send them to you.</i>	→ ["if" + présent] + futur ("will", "going to")

SECOND CONDITIONAL : présent ou futur - situation hypothétique ou très improbable	
- <i>Even if he was at home, I wouldn't go and visit him.</i> - <i>If I won the lottery, I'd buy a boat</i>	→ ["if" + prétérit] + [" would/ wouldn't " + infinitif]

THIRD CONDITIONAL : situation imaginaire dans le passé (utilisé pour « refaire le passé »)	
- <i>If I had been a teenager in the sixties, I would have listened to songs from the Beatles.</i> - <i>If temperatures had stayed under zero, the skiing season would have been longer.</i>	→ ["if" + past perfect] + [" would/ wouldn't " + "have" + participe passé]

Voici dix phrases pour t'aider à appliquer ce cours. Quelques conseils:

- utilise un dictionnaire pour défricher les mots que tu ne connais pas;
- repère les propositions qui commencent par "if" (elles sont parfois en deuxième partie de phrase);
- repère les temps utilisés, ce qui t'aidera à repérer la forme de conditionnel utilisée;
- ainsi tu comprendras la situation décrite et tu sauras comment conjuguer le verbe manquant.

Complete with a suitable form of the verb in brackets.

If he *hadn't broken* his leg, he would have played. (not break)

- 1 I _____ you a present if I'd known it was your birthday. (buy)
- 2 If you _____ to bed earlier, you wouldn't have been so tired. (go)
- 3 I _____ you some money if I had any. (lend)
- 4 If I _____ someone's wallet, I'd keep it. (find)
- 5 Joe wouldn't have crashed if he _____ so fast. (not drive)
- 6 We would have a dog if we _____ in the country. (live)
- 7 If you'd looked after the plants, they _____ (not die)
- 8 You _____ the news if you'd been watching the TV. (hear)
- 9 They wouldn't have bought the flat if they _____ what the neighbours were like. (know)
- 10 If she _____ more sociable, she'd have more friends. (be)