

CONDITIONALS - NOSACIJUMA PALĪGTEIKUMI

A. The 0 conditional: always / generally true. Used to describe **regular** events / facts, not one specific event.

Main [result] clause	Conditional [if] clause
Present simple / imperative	Present simple / continuous / perfect
Employees suffer from burnout and productivity drops People are unhappy and complain Make sure you set aside substantial savings I cannot let you take the exam She doesn't mind	if they don't go on vacation and have regular breaks. when[ever] inflation rises . if you are considering a mortgage. unless you have met all the course requirements. if we make mistakes as long as we correct them.

B. The 1st conditional (likely future) versus the 2nd conditional (imaginary / unlikely / impossible future).

Future event			
Likely		Imaginary	
will + V Future / imperative	Present simple / continuous / perfect	would + V could / might	Past simple / continuous
Main [result] clause	Conditional [if] clause	Main [result] clause	Conditional [if] clause
I will let you know Give her this envelope I'll do the presentation We are going to visit Paul Take an umbrella	when George arrives . if you're seeing Jen tonight. if you've got the figures. if we have time after the tour. in case it rains .	It would be great I'd own a dog He might earn more I could travel more Would you buy a house	if we could afford it. if I lived in the countryside. if he was still working there. if I didn't have children. if you became rich?

C. Possible past versus the 3rd conditional (imaginary past).

Past event			
Possible		Imaginary	
Any tense	Past simple	would + present perfect could / might	Past perfect
Main [result] clause	Conditional [if] clause	Main [result] clause	Conditional [if] clause
Don't tell me how it ends You must know John's wife She probably heard the fans They should have seen Ian How can you not remember	if you saw the film. if she went to your school. if they passed her house. as long as they were there. if you visited Tom?	I would have told you I could have caught the bus We might have won the deal She wouldn't have left you He'd have never come back	if I had known about it. if I had left earlier. if we had applied . if you had proposed . had he studied abroad.

D. Mixed conditionals: the 2nd conditional (imaginary future) + the 3rd conditional (imaginary past).

Imaginary situation	
Past	Present / future
Conditional [if] clause	Main [result] clause
Past perfect	would + V could / might
If I hadn't spent so much money on expensive clothes, If I had persisted instead of dropping out after the first year, Had we agreed to the merger, If anyone could have predicted the energy crisis	I would be able to join my friends on their trip to Madeira. I'd have an MBA now and finding a job would be easier. we wouldn't file for insolvency now. do you think the outcome would be any different?

E. Expressions

I wish / If only (expresses regret / dissatisfaction)	
Present / future event: Past simple / continuous	Past event: Past perfect
I wish I had a better salary. But then I must change my job. If only I could turn back time. Maybe I'd be wiser.	I wish I had not waited for the bus. It arrived late. If only I had listened to your advice. You were right.
I hope (expresses a good wish; present simple / will): I hope you have a good time. I hope they'll enjoy it.	
If I were you (referring to an imaginary future / giving advice): If I were you, I wouldn't hesitate .	
Other conjunctions / link words: if , when , unless (= if not), in case , as long as , provided that , imagine , supposing	