

CONDITIONAL STATEMENTS - OVERVIEW

General Conditions (0 conditional)

<u>IF clause</u>	<u>Main Clause</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
Present Simple	Present Simple	General laws, things that are always true

If an airplane **runs out of** fuel in the middle of the ocean, it **crashes**.

Possible Conditions (1st conditional)

<u>IF clause</u>	<u>Main Clause</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
Simple Present	Will (or can / may / must) + Verb	Probable future result

If my flight **is** cancelled, I **will sleep** in the airport.

Hypothetical Conditions (2nd conditional)

<u>IF clause</u>	<u>Main Clause</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
Simple Past future	Would (or could) + Verb	Imaginary situation in the present or future

If I **had** more money, I **would buy** a helicopter.

Impossible Conditions (3rd conditional)

<u>IF clause</u>	<u>Main Clause</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
Past Perfect	Would have + past participle	Imaginary situation in the past

If he **had known** about the storm, he **wouldn't have flown** yesterday night.