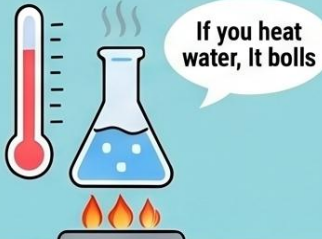






Master the "If": A Beginner's Guide to English Conditionals

What is a Conditional?

Conditionals are used to talk about real, possible, or imaginary situations using the basic pattern: **If + condition → result.**
Simple Logic: "If it rains, I stay home".



Zero Conditional: The "Always True" Rule	First Conditional: The "Real Possibility"	Second Conditional: The "Dreamer's Rule"	Third Conditional: The "No Going Back" Rule	Mixed Conditional
<p>Usage: Scientific Facts & General Truths</p> 	<p>Usage: Likely Future Plans & Warnings</p> 	<p>Usage: Imaginary / Unreal Present Situations & Advice</p> 	<p>Usage: Past Regrets & Missed Opportunities</p> 	<p>Usage: Past Action affecting Present Result</p> 
<p>If + Present Simple Present Simple</p>	<p>If + Present Simple Will + Base Verb</p>	<p>If + Past Simple Would + Base Verb</p>	<p>If + Had + Past Participle Would Have + Past Participle</p>	<p>If + Past Perfect Would + Base Verb</p>
<p>If + condition Result If you mix red and blue, you get purple. If you don't eat, you feel weak.</p>	<p>If + condition Result If I study, I will pass. If you don't hurry, you will miss the bus.</p>	<p>If + condition Result If I were a bird, I would fly. If I had a car, I would drive to work. Advanced Nuance: The "Were" Exception. In formal English, always use "were" instead of "was" for all subjects in the Second Conditional (e.g., "If I were you").</p>	<p>If + condition Result If I had studied, I would have passed. If she had left early, she would have caught the bus.</p>	<p>If + condition Result If she had worked harder, she would have a job today. Advanced Nuance: Mixed Conditionals Used specifically when a past action or mistake has a direct result on the present (e.g., "If I had studied, I would be successful now").</p>