If I were a bird, I would fly..

Conditional Sentences

- There are many kinds of conditional sentences. An 'if' clause is one of them.
- A conditional sentence must have at least two clauses.

1. **Conditional Clause:** It states a condition. It is also known as a subordinate clause.
2. **Main Clause:** It sates what will happen if the condition is full filled.
   (ఒక షరతుని, దాన్ని నెరవేర్చితే వచ్చే ఫలితాన్ని గురించి తెలిపే వాక్యాన్ని conditional sentence అంటారు. ఒక conditional sentenceలో రెండు భాగాలు ఉంటాయి. అవి.. conditional clause, Main clause)

Eg:
- If Sanvi sings well, she can get a fist prize.
  (Conditional clause)   **(Main clause)**
- If water is frozen, it becomes solid.
  (Conditional clause)   **(Main clause)**
- If you read regularly,
  (Conditional clause)
  you will get moreknowledge. **(Main clause)**
- Three are four main types of 'If clauses' and they can be easily distinguished by the tenses/verb form used in them.
  (Englishలో నాలుగు రకాల conditional sentences ఉన్నాయి. వాటిని అందులో వాడే Tenses/verb formని బట్టి గుర్తించవచ్చు)

Zero conditional
- It is used when the result will always happen.
- It can also be used to talk about general truths, mathematical operations, common sense, experience, scientific facts, instructions etc.
  (ఒక షరతుని నెరవేర్చితే కచ్చితమైన ఫలితం వచ్చినప్పుడు దీన్ని వాడాలి. సాధారణంగా general truths, mathematical operations మొదలైనవి దీనిలో వివరిస్తారు)

Structure:
If + Simple present tense, Simple present tense

Ex:
- If you heat ice, it melts.
- If you touch fire, you get burned.
- You get water if you mix hydrogen and oxygen.
- If you want to meet me, call me before 5pm.

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- If you add two and two, you get four.

Open conditional
- It states that something will happen if a certain condition is fulfilled.
- There is a possibility of getting the result in future.
  (ఒక షరతుని నెరవేర్చినప్పుడు, ఫలితం రావడానికి అవకాశం ఉందని తెలపడానికి దీన్ని ఉపయోగిస్తారు)

Structure:
If + Simple present, Sub + will/shall/can/may + V1 + Object

Ex:
- If you invite him, he will come.
- If Lavanya works hard, she can get the job.
- If you want, I shall speak ti her.
- Raju may prove his knowledge, if he is given a chance.
- If Sanjeev comes here, we can help him.

Unreal/Imaginary conditional
- It states the probables result of an imaginary condition.
- The possibility of the result is more doubtful here.
  (ఒక ఊహాజనితమైన షరతుని, దాని ఫలితాన్ని తెలపడానికి దీన్ని వాడాలి)

Structure:
If + Simple past, Sub+would/should/could/ might+ V1+Object

Ex:
- If I were a millionaire, I would buy a castle.
- If they played well, they could win.
- If it were possible, I would do it.
- If she asked me, I would help her.
- If I were a bird, I would fly.

Impossible conditional
- It states about the impossible situations. There is no possibility of getting the result.
  (ఒక షరతుని నెరవేర్చినప్పటికీ, ఫలితం రావడానికి అవకాశం లేనప్పుడు దీన్ని వాడాలి)

Structure:
If +Past perfect, Sub+would/could/should/might+ have+V3+ Object

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Model Questions

1. **Select the correct option to complete the given sentence. If you do not submit your assignment today.**
   1) The teacher will have punished you
   2) The teacher will punish you
   3) The teacher punished you
   4) The teacher had punished you
2. **'I wish I were a bird' Sanvi said admiringly. Here, the speaker means.**
   1) She said was bird
   2) She would become a bird
   3) She wishes to be a bird
   4) She hopes to be a bird
3. **Had it not been for your help, I dont know....... The appropriate form of the verb to fill in this blank.**
   1) What I would done
   2) What I would have done
   3) What I would had done
   4) What I would have been done
4. **If she had requested me, I would have solved the problem. It means...**
   1) She did not request me, I did not solve it.
   2) She requested me, but I did not solve it.
   3) She did not request me, but I solved the problem.
   4) She requested me, and I solved the problem.
5. **If she...... beautiful, I....... her.**
   The appropriate form of the verb to fill in this blank.
   1) Was, marry
   2) Were, married
   3) Was, would have married
   4) Were, would marry
6. **Match the following..**
   Column-A   Column-B
   A. If you had stopped eating sweets
          P. You would get a prize.
   B. If you did as you were told.
          Q. You will feel better.
   C. If you quarreled with everybody,
          R. You would have felt better.
   D. If you tame medicine regularly,
          S. You might be in trouble.
   1) A-Q, B-S, C-P, D-R
   2) A-S, B-Q, C-R, D-P
   3) A-R, B-P, C-S, D-R
   4) A-Q, B-S, C-R, D-R
7. **Identify the correct clause to complete the sentence.**
   Had I got some help from my brother,
   1) I shall have succeeded in setting up my business.
   2) I shall succeed in setting up my business.
   3) I should have succeeded in setting up my business.
   4) I could succeed in setting up my business.
8. **If you had been ill, you .... to hospital.**
   Choose the correct form of the verb to fill in this blank.
   1) Will go   2) Would go
   3) Would have gone 4) Went

Answers..
1-2, 2-3, 3-2, 4-1, 5-4, 6-3, 7.3, 8-3.

Ex:
- If you had invited him, he would have attended.
- If my brother had supported me, I could have succeeded in life.
- If Persis had asked me, I would have given her my book.
- If he played well, he would have won.
- If I had enough money, I would have given it to you.

Note: Sometimes omission of If and inversion of subject and verb are also possible.
If he had asked me, I would have arranged it. (Or) Had he asked me. I would have arranged it.

Conditional	Structure/Verb form	Examples
Zero conditional	If + Simple present tense, Simple present tense	If you want to get good marks, practice more. If babies are hungry, they cry.
Open conditional	If + Simple present, Sub + will/shall/can/may + V1 + Object	If you write to me, I will give you a reply. If the rain stops, we may go out.
Imaginary conditional	If + Simple past, Sub+would/should/could/might+ V1+Object	If I were intelligent, I would pass it. If Swathi were tall, she could become a police officer.
Impossible conditional	If +Past perfect, Sub+would/could/should/might+have+V3+ Object	If I had got a ticket, I would have watched it. If Persis had asked me, I would not have denied.