**Conditional Sentences (If Clauses)**

**IF CLAUSE**: also called « conditional sentences» , is a sentence containing the conjunction **« IF ».**

IF CLAUSE is composed of two clauses : **The main clause** ( it is an independent clause that can stand by itself and that has a complete meaning) , and **the « if » clause** ( a dependent clause that contains the conjunction « if » and does not have a complete meaning when put apart).

NB : These two clauses are separated by a comma ( ,) when starting by the if clause.

If Clause

IF CLAUSE + , + MAIN CLAUSE

OR

MAIN CLAUSE + IF CLAUSE

**There are four types :**

**Type 0 :** it expresses general truths and scientific facts.

**Type 1 :** it expresses situations that can really happen in the future .

**Type 2 :** it expresses situations that probably never happen in the present or the future.

**Type 3 :** it expresses situations that did not happen in the past.

**The form :**

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| Types  Type 0 | Forms  If clause Main clause  Simple present simple present | Examples  If you **boil** water at 100°C , it **evaporates**.  If clause main clause  Water evaporates if you boil it at 100°C.  Main clause if clause |
| Type 1 | Simple present will+stem(infinitive) | If the game **is** good **,** I **will play** it.  If clause main clause  I **will play** the game if it **is** good.  Main clause if clause |
| Type 2 | Simple past would + infinitive | If I **lived** in Australia **,** I **would be** a sheep farmer.  If clause main clause  I **would be** a sheep farmer if I **lived** in Australia.  Main clause if clause |
| Type 3 | past perfect would have+ past  participle | If I **had had** nothing to do **,** I **would have come**.  If clause main clause  I **would have come** if I **had had** nothing to do.  Main clause if clause. |

Activity :

Put the verbs between brackets into their correct tense :

1. If Jake (have) money, he will go to America.
2. If I had a lot of money, I (give) some to charity.
3. If the girls (go) for shopping, they would have bought some new shoes.
4. John will buy some CDs if he (find) good ones.
5. If I (be) here, I would wear the red top.
6. If Peter was hungry , he (eat) a hamburger.
7. Ben (go) to a restaurant if he had more time.
8. If you boil eggs for 10 minutes, they (become) solid.
9. If you do not hurry , we (miss) the bus !