

PRACTICAL ENGLISH FOR PROFESSIONALS

LESSON 15

CONDITIONALS

In this lesson you will practise the **zero**, **first**, **second** and **third conditionals**.

CONDITIONALS	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	QUESTION
ZERO	<i>If/when you heat water to 100 degrees, it boils.</i>	<i>If/when you don't heat water to 100 degrees, it doesn't boil.</i>	<i>What happens if/when you heat water to 100 degrees?</i>
FIRST	<i>If I see him, I'll (I will) tell him.</i>	<i>If you don't hurry, you'll (you will) miss the bus.</i>	<i>What will you do if there is a problem?</i>
SECOND	<i>If I had more time, I'd (I would) travel more.</i>	<i>I wouldn't (would not) refuse if you offered me \$10,000.</i>	<i>What would you say if you met Queen Elizabeth?</i>
THIRD	<i>If I'd (I had) known you were coming, I would have waited for you.</i>	<i>If she hadn't (had not) been ill, she would have gone to the cinema.</i>	<i>Would you have told me if you'd (you had) known about it?</i>

Decide which conditional is best for the following sentences and put the verbs in brackets into the correct form.

1. He almost fell from the balcony. I'm sure that if he had fallen, he **(break)** _____ his leg or something.
2. If I leave now, I **(be)** _____ home in two hours.
3. If you **(like)** _____, I'll lend you my car for two days.
4. If we increased the price, we **(run)** _____ the risk of pricing ourselves out of the market.
5. If you **(ask)** _____ your boss, I'm sure he would have considered your proposal.

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6. The radio is broken. When you turn it on, it **(make)** _____ a strange noise.
7. I'd set them the task if they **(be)** _____ more reliable. However, I don't think they're capable of doing it.
8. If I had known how long the journey was, I **(take)** _____ something else to read with me.
9. If you **(not/manage)** _____ to finish the catalogue on time, we'll have to postpone the printing until next month.
10. The accident **(might/not/be)** _____ so bad if you'd been driving more slowly.