

## 'If' clauses (conditional clauses)

### Rule no.1:

**A) If +subject+ verb (present tense) + o.w, Subject+ (will, can, may, shall) + verb+ other.works**

Ex;  
If you **do** it, you **will be** happy

**B) Subject+( will, may, can, shall) + verb+ o.w, If +subject+ verb (present tense) + other.works,**

Ex;  
You **will pass**, if you **work** hard

### Rule2:

**A) If + verb(past tense) + other words, Subject + would(could, might, should) +verb(present tense) +other words**

Ex;  
If I **lived** by the sea, I would **do** a lot of swimming.

### Rule 3:

**A) If + subject+ had+ past participle+ other words, subject+ would have+ past participle + o.w**

Ex;  
If he had worked hard, he would have passed the examination.

[Note: it is also possible to indicate a past unreal condition without using the word "if". In this case, the auxiliary "had" is placed before, rather than after, the subject.]

**Had+ s+ past participle + o.w, s+ would have+ past participle+ o.w**

Ex;  
**Had** she **found** the right buyer, she **would have sold** the house.

### Rule 4:

Imaginary or unreal condition, i.e. one which could not be true, or which even if it is not impossible, is not seriously contemplated, but is only advanced for the sake of argument.

If+ subject, were+ other words, subject+ would + verb (present tense)+other works.

Ex;

If I **were** rich, I **would travel** around the world.

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