**1st vs. 2nd Conditionals**

Sometimes we call them 'if clauses'. They describe the result of something that might happen (in the present or future) or might have happened but didn't (in the past). They are made using different English verb tenses.

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<td>The first conditional has the <em>present simple</em> after 'if', then the <em>future simple</em> in the other clause: if + present simple, ... will + infinitive</td>
<td>The second conditional uses the <em>past simple</em> after if, then 'would' and the infinitive: if + past simple, ...would + infinitive</td>
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<td>It's used to talk about things which might happen in the future. Of course, we can't know what will happen in the future, but this describes possible things, which could easily come true. If it rains, I won't go to the park. If I study today, I'll go to the party tonight. If I have enough money, I'll buy some new shoes. She'll miss the bus if she doesn't leave soon. If I see her, I'll tell her.</td>
<td>It has two uses. First, we can use it to talk about things in the future that are probably not going to be true. Maybe I'm imagining some dream for example. If I had a billion, I would buy a big house. (I probably won't have a billion.) She would travel all over the world if she were rich. She would pass the exam if she ever studied. (She never studies, so this won't happen) Second, we can use it to talk about something in the present which is impossible, because it's not true. Have a look at the examples: If I had his number, I would call him. (I don't have his number now, so it's impossible for me to call him). If I were you, I wouldn't go out with that man. (It's impossible to be you)</td>
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The first conditional describes things that I think are likely to happen in the future, whereas the second conditional talks about things that I don’t think will really happen. It’s subjective; it depends on my point of view.

**For example (first conditional):** If she studies harder, she'll pass the exam (I think it’s possible she will study harder and so she’ll pass)

**But (second conditional):** If she studied harder, she would pass the exam (I think that she won’t study harder, or it's very unlikely, and so she won’t pass)

**NOTICE:** Use a comma if the *if clause* is at the beginning of the sentence.

   e.g. If I go to London, I will visit the Tower.

Don’t use a comma if the *if clause* is at the end of the sentence.

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1 – Choose the correct endings.

1. I’ll be very disappointed if a) she doesn’t leave now.
   2. If she studies hard, b) you hurry.
   3. She will be late if c) I’ll just wear a coat.
   4. I will visit you if d) I will help him.
   5. If it’s cold, e) you will understand me.
   6. If I feel tired, f) he will need some money.
   7. If he asks me nicely, g) you don’t pass this test.
   8. If he goes out, h) I arrive early.
   9. You will catch the bus if i) I usually go to bed early.
  10. If you are smart enough, j) she’ll get an A in the exam.

2 – Complete the blanks and match the sentences with the pictures.

1. If the weather ________ (be) fine tomorrow, we ________ (go) out for a picnic.
2. We ________ (enjoy) a nice family dinner if my dad ________ (come) home early from work.
3. That dog ________ (bite) him if he ________ (not run) any faster.
4. I ________ (not walk) home if my car ________ (break) down. I’ll call a taxi.
5. If Mary ________ (work) harder, she ________ (finish) the reports on time.
6. We ________ (not find) a parking space if we ________ (take) the car.

3) Look at the pictures. Use the words below to complete the second conditional sentences.

1. If I were ____________________________ (the Browns / I / let / the dog / sit / at the table)
2. If it was/were ____________________________ (sunny / John / stay / at home)
3. Sarah would buy ____________________________ (that dress / if / she / be / thinner)
4. Kate could ____________________________ (go / to the cinema / if / Sam / invite / her)
5. If Jake had ____________________________ (more courage / he / go / to the dentist)
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2. We will enjoy (enjoy) a nice family dinner if my dad comes (come) home early from work.
3. That dog will bite (bite) him if he doesn't run (not run) any faster.
4. I won't walk (not walk) home if my car breaks (break) down. I'll call a taxi.
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1. If I were the Browns, I wouldn't let the dog sit at the table.
2. If it was / were sunny, John wouldn't stay at home.
3. Sarah would buy that dress if she were/was thinner.
4. Kate could go to the cinema if Sam invited her.
5. If Jake had more courage, he would go to the dentist.