CONDITIONALS

# **ZERO CONDITIONAL**

## Structure:

*If* + present simple, present simple

If you mix blue and yellow, you get green.

## Use:

* To talk about situations that are always true.

# **FIRST CONDITIONAL**

## Structure:

*If* + present simple, *will* + infinitive without *to*

If you phone her, she will be very happy.

## Use:

* Talk about possible situations and possible results in the future.
* Can be used for warnings, promises and threats.
* Instead of *will* can be used:
  + *May, might, could* 🡪 Possibility or uncertainty
  + *Should* 🡪 Probability

# **SECOND CONDITIONAL**

## Structure:

*If* + past simple, *would* + infinitive without *to*

If I knew the answer to number 6, I would tell you.

## Use:

* Talk about imaginary, unlikely or imposible situations in the present or future.
* To give advice.
  + If I were you, I’d complain to the manager.
* Instead of *will* can be used:
  + Might, could 🡪 Possibility or uncertainty about the result.

# **THIRD CONDITIONAL**

## Structure:

*If* + past perfect, *would/might/could have* + past participle

If we hadn’t taken a map, we would have got lot. (But we took a map, so we didn’t)

## Use:

* Talk about imaginary situations in the past and to speculate about their effects on past events or situations.

# **MIXED CONDITIONAL**

## Structure:

*If* + past perfect, *would/might/could* + infinitive without *to*

If you had listened to my advice, you might/would not be in this situation.

## Use:

* Talk about an imaginary event in the past and the posible result in the present.

# **Alternatives to *if*:**

* As long as, provided (that), providing (that), on condition (that).