

## ZERO TO THREE CONDITIONALS

1. We use the **zero conditional** when we want to talk about something that is general knowledge or a universal truth.

For example:

*If you heat water, it boils.*

2. We use the **first conditional** when we want to talk about something that is possible and that it is likely in the context we are saying it.

For example:

*If I study hard, I'll pass the exam.*

3. We use the **second conditional** when we want to talk about something that is possible but unlikely in the context we are saying it. We also call this type of conditional “hypothetical” or “unreal conditional”, as it refers to a hypothetical or unreal future.

For example:

*If I won the lottery, I'd buy a huge mansion.*

*If I went to the US, I would like to visit San Francisco.*

4. We use the **third conditional** when we want to talk about something that is impossible because it's something we cannot change because it's in the past. Therefore, this is another type of “unreal conditional”, because it refers to a hypothetical or unreal past.

For example:

*If I had studied French, I would have visited France already.*