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UNIT 5

TOPIC : IF Conditionals



IF CONDITIONALS

❖ A conditional sentence has two parts such as **If clause** and **Main Clause**.

❖ Usually the **condition** is expressed in **if clause**.

If Clause	Main Clause
if it rains	I'll stay at Home





TYPES OF CONDITIONALS



- ❖ There are **four conditional** sentences in English
- ❖ **Type1:** Open or Probable Condition
- ❖ **Type2:** Improbable or imaginary Condition
- ❖ **Type3:** Impossible or Unfulfilled
- ❖ **Type4:** Zero Condition



OPEN or PROBABLE CONDITION

If Clause

if + present simple

Main Clause

modal verb with future meaning
(*shall/should/will/would/can/could/may/might*)

Examples:



If I go to Delhi,
If Clause+Pre

I will Visit Tajmahal
Main Clause





IMPROBABLE or IMAGINARY CONDITION

If Clause	Main Clause
<i>if + Past Simple</i>	<i>modal verb with future-in-the-past meaning (should/would/might/could)</i>

Examples



If I were a bird,
If Clause+Past

I would fly in the sky
Main Clause





ASSESSMENT



Complete these conditional sentences with a suitable form. Use conditional types 1,2,3&4 and write next to each sentence which type of conditional is:

- a) If I were you, would marry him.
- b) If I had known, I would have lent you my car.
- c) Will you call me if you are free?
- d) Would you buy this car if you had enough money?
- e) I will watch the match if I have enough time.
- f) If you turn the tap, water pours.
- g) If I get there on time, I will call you.



UNFULFILLED or IMPOSSIBLE CONDITION



If Clause

if + Past perfect (had)

Main Clause

modal verb with future-in-the-past meaning
(*should/would/might/could*) + *have* + *-ed* form

Examples

If I had written my exams well well, I would have passed my exams

If Clause+Past.perfect

Main Clause





ZERO CONDITION

If Clause	Main Clause
<i>if + Present simple</i>	<i>Present simple</i>

Examples



If I over sleep,
If Clause+pre

I miss the bus
Main Clause





ASSESSMENT-1



Insert the correct form of the verbs in brackets:

1. If I ____ (see) John, I'll tell him your news.
2. If you ____ (go) to town on Monday, you ____ (meet) my brother.
3. If you ____ (need) help, my father ____ (help) you.
4. Her health ____ (improve) if she ____ (sleep) longer.
5. If he ____ (promise) to behave in future, his mother ____ (forgive) him.
6. If Peter ____ (ask) Mary, I'm sure she ____ (marry) him.



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