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“Modal verb WOULD”

Would is an auxiliary verb or a modal auxiliary verb.

Structure of *would*:
subject + would + main verb

Uses of *would*:

- **Talking about the past**
I thought it would rain so I brought my umbrella.
- **Conditionals**
If he lost his job he would have no money.
- **Desire or inclination**
I'd love to live here.
- **Polite requests and questions**
Would you open the door, please?
- **Wish**
I wish you would stay. (I really want you to stay)



“Zero conditional”

In 'zero' conditional sentences, the tense in **both parts** of the sentence is the **simple present**:

'IF' CLAUSE (CONDITION) MAIN CLAUSE (RESULT) If + simple present
If you heat ice it melts.

The situation is **real and possible**. They are used to make statements about the real world, and often refer to general truths, such as scientific facts.

This structure is often used to give instructions, using the imperative in the main clause. Examples:

If Bill **phones**, **tell** him to meet me at the cinema.
Ask Pete if **you're** not sure what to do.



“First Conditional”

In a Type 1 conditional sentence, the tense in the **'if'** clause is the **simple present**, and the tense in the main clause is the **simple future**.

If clause	Main clause
If it rains	You will get wet

Function:

They refer to a **possible condition** and its **probable result**. They are based on facts, and they are used to make statements about the real world, and about particular situations. We often use such sentences to give warnings.



“Second Conditional”

The **second conditional** is like the first conditional. We are still thinking about the future. We are thinking about a particular condition in the future, and the result of this condition. But there is **not** a real possibility that this condition will happen.

If Clause (past simple)	Main clause (Conditional)
If I won the lottery	I would buy a new house

Notice that we are thinking about a future condition. We use the past simple tense to talk about the future condition. We use WOULD + base verb to talk about the future result. The important thing about the second conditional is that **there is an unreal possibility that the condition will happen.**