

## **CONDITIONAL CLAUSES**

Conditional clauses are used to talk about a possible situation and its results.

A conditional clause begins with IF.

A conditional clause needs a main clause that expresses the result of the condition and makes a complete sentence.

The conditional clause can come before or after the main (result) clause.

There are three types of conditional clauses.

### **FIRST CONDITIONAL (Real Conditional)**

#### **If + Present ! Future**

- General truth If you add oil to water they won't mix
  - Real condition If I work hard I will pass my exams
  - Real condition + If you want to stop the lift you must press the red button
- ability (or possibility) I'll call you if I need you

### **SECOND CONDITIONAL (Unreal or Hypothetical)**

#### **If + Simple Past ! would + Infinitive**

- Hypothetical conditions If you stole the Mona Lisa it would be difficult to sell
- Unreal conditions If I were rich I d have my own cook

### **THIRD CONDITIONAL (Impossible)**

#### **If + Past Perfect ! would + Present Perfect**

- Hypothetical conditions about the past
- If I had known that you were coming I would have bought a bottle of wine
- Present result of a past action
- If he hadn't stolen the money he wouldn't be in prison now