

If clause

If there is no rain, the grass doesn't grow.



If you don't eat, you die.



Plants die if they don't get enough water.

Language Focus Zero Conditional - If + Simple Present, simple present

1. Iron rusts if it gets wet.
2. If there is no rain, the grass doesn't grow.

Conversation

- A: Oh no! Why did my plants become smaller and drier and start to die?
 B: It's probably because you aren't watering them often enough. Plants die if they don't get enough water.
 A: Maybe the sun has withered my plants.
 B: Well, plants are like humans, If you don't eat, you die.

If clause

When it rains, my roof leaks.

When he comes to town, we have dinner together.



When I'm off from work, I usually go to the beach.

Language Focus Zero Conditional - When + Simple Present, simple present

1. When you give respect, you get respect.
2. When it rains, my roof leaks.

Conversation

- A: I'm excited about my day off tomorrow. I'm meeting my brother.
 B: I thought he was staying in Hokkaido?
 A: Yes, he often visits, and when he comes to town, we have dinner together.
 B: That's nice. I usually go to the beach when I'm off work.

If clause

If you help me with these bags, I will make you a delicious dinner.



If you invite me to your house for dinner tonight, I will bring a bottle of wine.



I will make you a delicious dinner if you help me with these bags.

Language Focus Present Real Conditional - Simple Present, will-future

1. If you help me with these bags, I will make you a delicious dinner.

Conversation

- A: Hi Shelley! You bought a lot of groceries. Are you having a party tonight?
 B: No, I'm just learning how to cook pasta and steak.
 A: Wow! If you invite me to your house for dinner tonight, I will bring a bottle of wine.
 B: Hmm.. If you help me with these bags, I will make you a delicious dinner.

If clause

If Ben gets up early, he can catch the bus.



If I get this work finished, I might take the rest of the day off.



You should go and see the doctor if you don't feel better tomorrow.

Language Focus Simple Present, modal+infinitive

1. If Ben gets up early, he can catch the bus.

Conversation

- A: You've been complaining about your headache for a week now.
 B: Yes. I've taken painkillers but this headache is killing me.
 A: You should go and see a doctor if you don't feel better tomorrow.
 B: Right! If I get this work finished, I might take the rest of the day off.

If clause

If I had taken the bus, I would have been late.



I would have bought you a present if I'd known it was your birthday.



If I'd known you were coming, I would have baked a cake.

Language Focus Past Perfect, would+have+past participle

1. If you had read the paper, you would have seen the advertisement.
2. If I had taken the bus, I would have been late.

Conversation

(door bells...)

- A: What a surprise! My birthday was last week, I didn't expect you'd visit.
B: Oh my! I would have bought you a present if I'd known it was your birthday.
A: Yeah. If I'd known you were coming, I would have baked a cake for you.
B: Well, why don't we have dinner outside? It's my treat.

If clause

If I went to a friend's house for dinner, I usually took a bottle of wine or some flowers.



If the weather was nice, I would often walk to work.



I always used to help my brother with his homework when I had time.

Language Focus (Past Real Conditional - If /
When + Simple Past, Simple Past)

1. If I went to a friend's house for dinner, I usually took a bottle of wine or some flowers.

Conversation

- A: I've been so busy I didn't notice the time had passed swiftly.
 B: Yeah, same here, I always used to help my brother with his homework when I had time after work.
 A: I know...if the weather was nice, I would often walk to work.
 B: Oh! how I miss the things I used to do.

If clause

If I had a lot of money, I wouldn't stay here.



If I had a day off from work, I would go to the beach.



If I were not busy, I would come to your party.

Language Focus Past Unreal - Simple Past, would+infinitive

1. If I had a lot of money, I wouldn't stay here.

Conversation

- A: Hey! How have you been? I haven't seen you in ages.
 B: I got so tied up with work. If I had a day off from work, I would go to the beach.
 A: Well, I'm throwing a party Friday night. Ring me if you have time to come.
 B: I am busy next week. If I were not busy, I would come to your party.

If clause

If I knew English, I would have gotten a better job.



If you were there, you would have witnessed my wedding vows.



I would have come, if I were invited.

Language Focus Mixed--Simple Past, would+have+past participle

1. If I were a good cook, I would have invited them to lunch.
2. If I knew English, I would have gotten a better job.

Conversation

A: Congratulations! I didn't know you got married last week.

B: Didn't you get my invitation?

A: If I had received the invitation, I would have come. Anyway, what matters is you married him. It must be love.

B: I was expecting you to attend my wedding. You would have witnessed my wedding vows if you were there.

If clause

I wish I could afford a new car.

I wish she would stop complaining.



We wish we could come to your party.

Language Focus Wish + modals

1. I wish I could afford a new car.
2. I wish you wouldn't squeeze the toothpaste from the middle.

Conversation

- A: Don't forget to remind the rest of the guys about the party this Saturday.
 B: We wish we could come to your party. Our boss declined our project proposal.
 A: Oh! Not again.. I wish she would stop complaining once and for all.
 B: We should tell her how we feel.

If clause

I wish I were ten years younger.

I wish I were a singer.



I wish I were talented like Ricky Martin.

Language Focus Wish + were

1. I wish I weren't so slow!
2. I wish I were ten years younger.

Conversation

- A: To be famous is exciting but tough.
B: I'm sure it is! But I still wish I were a singer.
A: Oh, you do? Who do you wish you were like?
B: I wish I were talented like Ricky Martin.