

If-Sentences

1. Verwendung

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| Bedingungen führen zu | sicheren | Folgen | Type I |
| | unwahrscheinlichen | Folgen | Type II |
| | unmöglichen | Folgen | Type III |

oft mit: if, if ... not, unless (= if not)

2. Form

Type I: Folge gilt immer. If + Present --> Present
If you heat snow, it melts.

Folge gilt nur in diesem Fall. If + Present --> will + baseform
If you help me, I will give you more pocket-money.

Type II: Folge ist unwahrscheinlich. If + Past --> would + baseform
If he went to the party, he would see Lea.

Type III: Folge ist unmöglich. If + Past Perfect --> would have + 3. form
If he had gone to the party, he would have seen Lea.

3. Mind - in written English:

If I were rich, I would buy a bungalow.

If I were you, I would not smoke.

After "if" no should or would!

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Exercises

Connect these sentences. Form 3 conditions.

1. He has time. He will come.
2. I know his address. I will tell you.
3. You meet him. You will speak to him.
4. He marries Jane. He will be happy.
5. You eat too much. You will be ill.
6. I am rich. I will buy a Rolls Royce.
7. He reads English books. He will understand.
8. He stops smoking. He will feel better.
9. He stops smoking heavy cigars. Columbo will die. (unless)

Continue these sentences.

1. If it rains, ...
2. If I had a lot of money, ...
3. If I had got up earlier this morning, ...
4. If we buy a new car, ...
5. If I were Michael Jackson, ...
6. If I were you, ...
7. They would travel to the U.S.A., if ...
8. My sister would hate me, if ...
9. Tom would have done the homework, if ...
10. Mr. Jones will go by plane, if ...