



Comparison

Conditional sentences

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First vs Second conditional

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- The **first conditional** describes things that I think are **likely to happen** in the future, whereas the **second conditional** talks about things that I **don't think will really happen.**



1st conditional

• If she studies harder, she'll pass the exam

I think **it's possible** she will study harder and so she'll pass



2nd conditional



• If she studied harder, she would pass
the exam

I think that she won't study harder, or it's very unlikely,
and so she won't pass



First **or** Second



- If she studies a lot, she will pass the exam. (Jane's a good student.)

- If he worked harder, he would pass the exam. (John doesn't take school seriously.)



First **or** Second



- Tom will take some time off next week if his boss says it's OK.
(Tom's boss is a nice guy.)



First **or** Second



Frank would take some time off
next month if he could get an OK
from his supervisor. (Unfortunately,
his supervisor isn't very nice and there's a
lot of work to be done next month.)





The choice between
the first or second conditional
can express **someone's opinion** about the situation.
Remember that the first conditional is often called the
'real conditional',
whereas the second conditional is often referred to as
the 'unreal conditional'.

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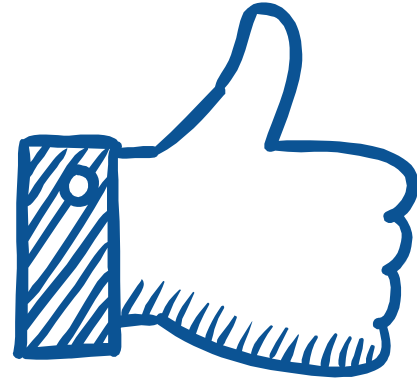
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