



1. Types & Forms

Hand out “**Conditional Quick-View**” table (see Appendix A).
 Explain each type with **time-line sketches** on board.

Concept-check questions (CCQs):

- “Do I believe rain is probable?” (1st)
- “Did the speaker win the lottery?” (2nd)
- “Did they miss the flight?” (3rd)

Type	Time Focus	Reality	If-clause	Main clause	Signal words
Zero	Always / scientific	100 % real	If + present simple	present simple	every time, always
First	Future	Real / likely	If + present simple	will + base	probably, maybe
Second	Present / future	Hypothetical / unlikely	If + past simple	would + base	imagine, supposing
Third	Past	Contrary to past fact	If + past perfect	would have + pp	otherwise, in retrospect
Mixed	Past condition → present result	Regret with present effect	If + past perfect	would + base	now, today

2. Illustrative Examples

Zero:

If you heat sugar, it caramelises.
 If plants don't get water, they die.

First:

If it rains tomorrow, we'll call off the barbecue.
 You'll get heart disease if you keep smoking.

Second:

If I spoke Mandarin, I would apply for that job in Beijing.

Would you mind if I opened the window?

Third:

If Messi had scored that penalty, Argentina would have led earlier.

She would have been here on time if the train hadn't been delayed.

Mixed:

If you had listened to me, you would be rich now.

If I hadn't dropped out, I'd be graduating this year.

3. Controlled Practice

A. Fill-in-the-blank (pair work, answer key on back)

1. If water _____ (reach) 100 °C, it _____ (boil).
2. If you _____ (not/hurry), we'll miss the opening scene.
3. If I _____ (know) her number, I'd send her a message.
4. If they _____ (invest) in 2010, they _____ (make) a fortune.
5. If you _____ (take) my advice then, you _____ (not/be) in debt today.

B. Rewrite according to the prompt in brackets.

1. I don't have a car, so I can't drive you there. (Type 2)
2. He didn't revise; he failed the test. (Type 3)
3. Eat too much junk food and you'll gain weight. (Type 1 → start with 'If')
4. She is tired today because she went to bed late last night. (Mixed)