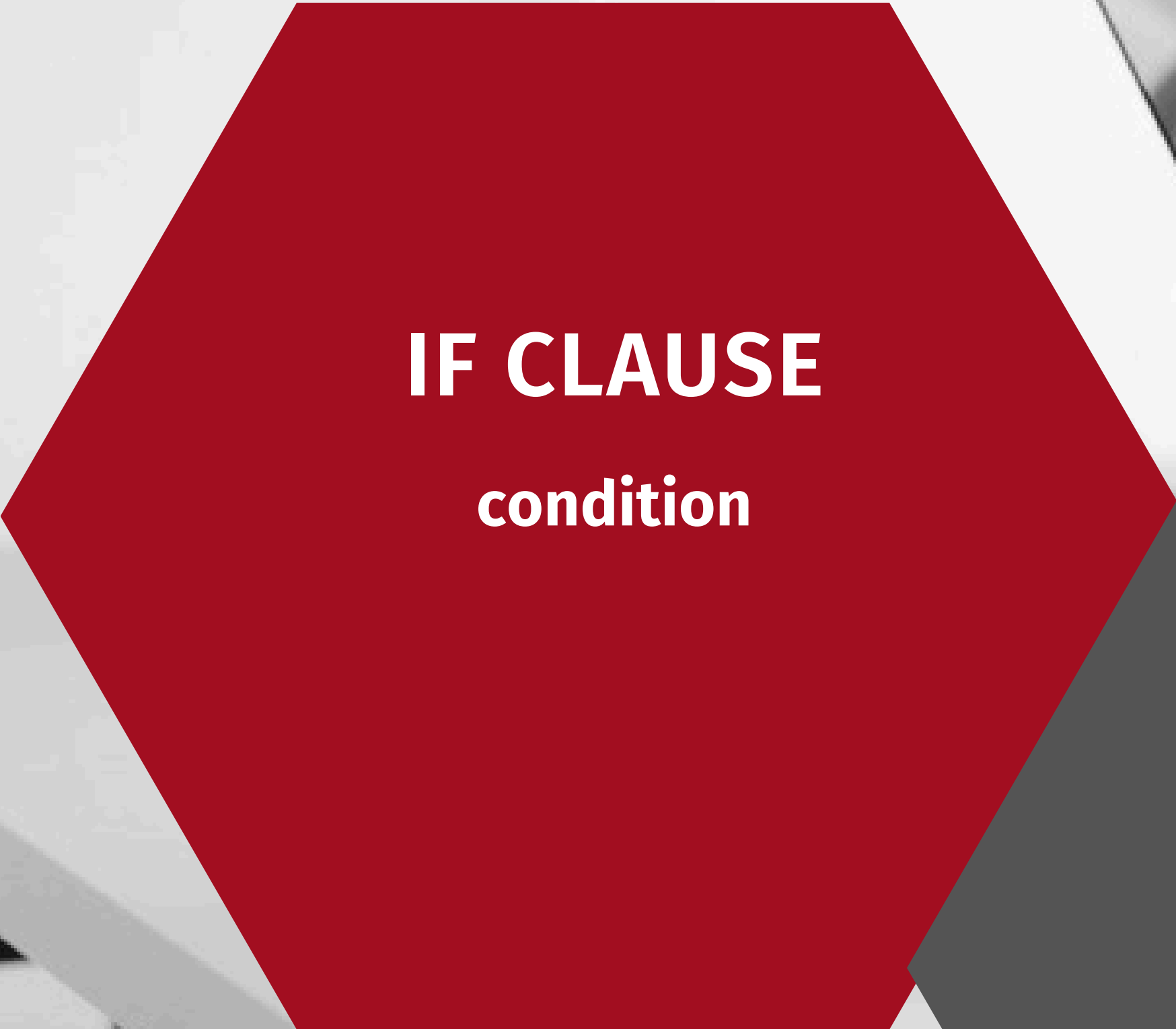


Third and Mixed Conditionals





IF CLAUSE
condition



MAIN CLAUSE
result

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Zero Conditionals

If clause:

Present Simple

Main clause:

Present Simple

1

First Conditionals

If clause:

Present Simple

Main clause:

Future Simple

2

Second Conditionals

If clause:

Past Simple

Main clause:

would + infinitive

3

Third Conditionals

If clause:

Past Perfect

Main clause:

would + Perfect
Infinitive

Real conditional sentences

Unreal conditional sentences

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Zero Conditionals

If clause:
Present Simple

Main clause:
Present Simple

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First Conditionals

If clause:
Present Simple

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If clause:
Past Simple

Main clause:
would + infinitive

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Third Conditionals

If clause:
Past Perfect

Main clause:
would + Perfect Infinitive

Mixed Conditionals

If clause: 2nd Conditional
Main clause: 3d Conditional

If clause: 3d Conditional
Main clause: 2nd Conditional

**Let's
start!**



Third conditional sentences

are used to speak about **hypothetical situations** in the past.
These situations cannot be changed.

*e.g. If she had left earlier, she wouldn't have missed the train.
(But she left late, so she missed the train.)*

*e.g. If we had taken a taxi, we wouldn't have been late.
(But we didn't take a taxi, so we were late.)*

Structure:

If-clause: If + past perfect

Main clause: would/might/could + have + past participle

e.g. *If you **had studied** more, you **would have passed** the exam.
(But you didn't study, so you failed.)*

e.g. *If they **had invited** me, I **might have gone** to the party.
(But they didn't invite me, so I didn't go.)*

e.g. *If I **had known** about the meeting, I **could have prepared** better.
(But I didn't know, so I wasn't prepared.)*



Mixed conditional sentences

We use **mixed conditionals** when we want to talk about

- 1) a hypothetical **past situation** that has a **present consequence**.
- 2) a hypothetical **present situation** affecting a **past event**.

1. A hypothetical past situation that has a present consequence

This means the condition happened (or didn't happen) in the past, and it affects the present:

*E.g. If she hadn't missed her plane, she'd be in Mexico now.
(She missed her plane in the past, so now she is not in Mexico.)*



Structure:

If-clause: If + past perfect (3d conditional)

Main-clause: would/might/could + infinitive
(2nd conditional)

e.g. *If I **had been** successful in the exam, I **might have** a better job now.
(I failed the exam in the past, so now I don't have a better job.)*

e.g. *You **wouldn't need** a visa to work in Australia if you **had been** born there.
(You weren't born there in the past, so now you need a visa.)*



2. A hypothetical present situation affecting a past event.

This means under certain hypothetical conditions something would (or wouldn't) have happened in the past:

*E.g. If I were taller, I would have joined the basketball team.
(I am not tall, so I didn't join the team.)*



Structure:

If-clause: If + past simple (2nd conditional)

**Main-clause: would/might/could + have + past participle
(3d conditional)**

*e.g. If she **spoke** French, she **could have applied** for the job.*

(She doesn't speak French, so she didn't apply.)

*e.g. If Tom **had** more experience, they **might have hired** him.*

(Tom doesn't have experience, so they didn't hire him.)

