

## **Zero Conditional** (*true*)

cause/effect

If you heat ice, it melts.

If + present tense verb, present tense verb

*When* could replace *if*.

## **First Conditional** (*predict a result, a possibility*)

cause/effect

If it rains, we will cancel the picnic.

If + present tense verb, modal verb + present tense verb

Use modal verbs will, can, could, should, may, might, must & shall.

(Would is not a good choice for the first conditional.)

## **Second Conditional** (*unlikely or not real*)

cause/effect

If I won the lottery, I would buy a football team.

If + past tense verb, modal verb + present tense verb

Use modal verbs could, would & might.

(Should is not the best choice for the second conditional.)

## **Third Conditional** (*did not happen, regrets*)

cause/effect

If I had studied, I would have passed the test.

If + had + past participle, modal verb + have + pp

Use modal verbs could, would, should & might.

# Tense/Aspect

Aspects, a subcategory of tenses, do not tell us the exact time, but they do let us know if something is completed, ongoing or will happen.

## Definitions for Aspects

**Simple-** one word or one action. "Will you define it for me?"

**Progressive/Continuous-** still in progress. "He is defining it for us."

**Perfect-** a completed action, finished. "He had defined it because..." (add a second event after the ellipsis)

**Simple past:** He walked.

**Simple present:** He walks.

**Simple future:** He will walk.



**Past progressive:** He was walking... add a second event that happened at the same time.

"He was walking to school when I was asleep." (form of be [was & were] + ing)

**Present progressive:** He is walking. (form of be [am, is & are] + ing)

**Future progressive:** He will be walking... add a future event.

"He will be walking to school on sunny days." #1 (will + be + ing) or #2 (be [am, is & are] going to be)

**Past perfect:** He had walked... follow with a second event that happened in the past.

"He had walked to school (*first event*) and ate breakfast (*second event*)."

**Present perfect:** He has walked... the past continues or impacts the present.

"He has walked to school." (Yes, he recently arrived to school. (have & has + past participle)

**Future perfect:** He will have walked... the first event will be completed in the future

before the second event. "He will have walked 10 miles (*first event*) before sunset (*second event*)."

#1 (will have + past participle) or #2 (be [am, is & are] going to have + past participle)

**Past perfect progressive:** He had been walking... an action that began in the past

and continued to another time in the past. "He had been walking for 10 hours before he took a break."

(had been [past participle] + present participle and the second event with a past tense verb [took])

**Present perfect progressive:** He has been walking... continues or impacts the present.

"He has been walking for 10 hours." (have/has been + present participle)

**Future perfect progressive:** He will have been walking... a continuous action that will be completed in the future.

"He will have been walking for 10 hours before he takes his first break."

#1 (will have been + present participle) or #2 (form of be [am, is & are] + going to have been)