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A conditional is a very special type of sentence in English. It is used to express that **an action happens based on a condition**. In other words, event B (the result) only happens if event A (the condition) happens.

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There are five types of conditional sentences in English;

Zero Conditional

First Conditional

Second Conditional

Third Conditional

Mixed Conditional

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Each of these conditional sentences uses a different structure (different tenses) to express a different sequence of events.

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Conditional sentences also include a conditional conjunction. The most common conditional conjunctions are **IF** and **WHEN**, which is what we'll use in this course today.

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In this course today, you'll learn the zero conditional, which is often seen as the "easiest" conditional.