



# Zero and First Conditional Review

# What Is A Conditional?

There are five types of conditional sentences in English;

Zero Conditional

First Conditional

Second Conditional

Third Conditional

Mixed Conditional

# What Is A Conditional?

You should already know both the zero and first conditional forms. We'll review their structures in this presentation before we put them side-by-side to compare.

# Zero Conditional

The zero conditional is used to **express a truth or fact**. You'll typically find it in academic writing.

# Zero Conditional

Zero conditional sentences use the present simple tense in both parts of the sentence.

If + present simple

present simple

If you mix red and blue, you get purple

# Zero Conditional

Remember these phrases can be flipped around too.

present simple

If + present simple

You get purple if you mix red and blue.

# Zero Conditional

The conjunctions used with the zero conditional are typically **if** and **when**.

# First Conditional

The first conditional is used to **express a very likely future event.**

More specifically, it's used for threats, promises, to persuade somebody and future plans.



# First Conditional

The conjunction (typically if) is used with the present simple and the second part is will/won't.

If + present simple

won't + infinitive

If you are naughty,

Santa won't deliver presents

# First Conditional

Remember these sentences can be flipped around too.

won't + infinitive

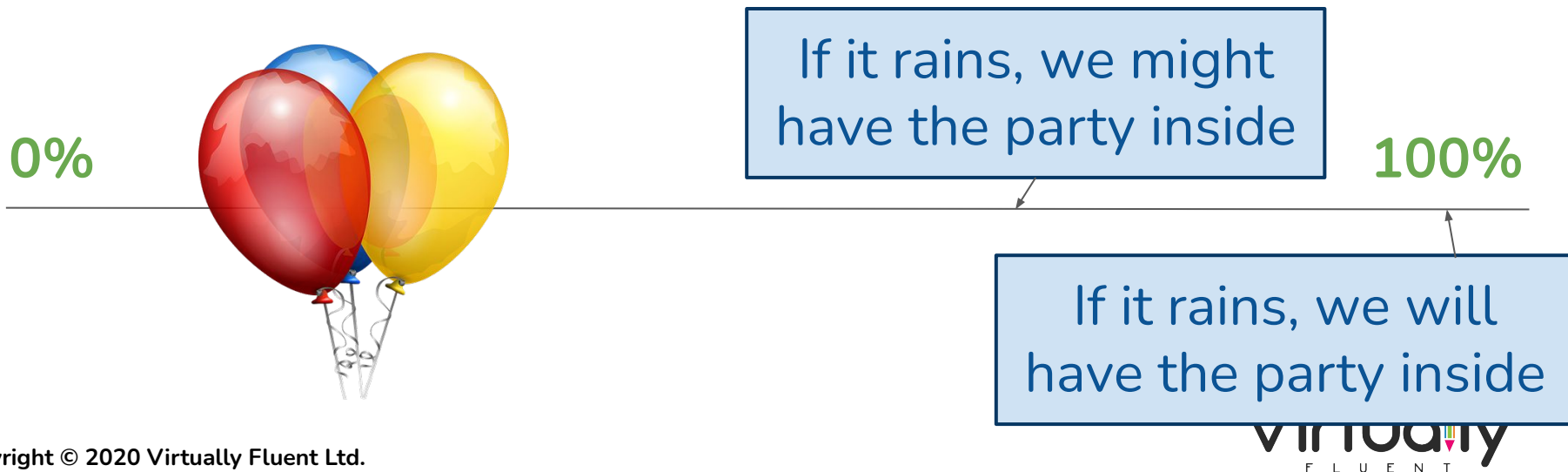
Santa won't deliver presents

If + present simple

if you are naughty

# First Conditional

We don't always have to use will/won't.  
Sometimes we can use might or may + infinitive to  
add a bit more doubt.



# First Conditional

The conjunctions used with the first conditional are typically **if** and **when**, but we can also use **so long as**, **as long as**, **unless** and **as soon as**.