**Mixed conditional sentences**

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|  | ***If*-clause** | **Main clause** |
| **First conditional** | *if* + present simple  | *will* + infinitive without *to* |
| *If it* ***rains****, the drought* ***will******end***. |
| **Second conditional** | *if* + past simple  | *would*/*could*/*might* + infinitive without *to* |
| *lf everyone* ***used*** *their own shopping bags, there* ***wouldn't******be*** *so much plastic waste.* |
| **Third conditional** | *if* + past perfect  | *would*/*could*/*might* have + past participle |
| *If they* ***had******saved*** *more water, there* ***wouldn't******have******been*** *a drought*. |
| **Mixed second and third conditionals** | *if* + past simple  | *would* *have* + past participle |
| *If the policy* ***worked****, the government* ***wouldn't******have******needed*** *extra food*. |
| **Mixed third and second conditionals** | *if* + past perfect  | *would*/*could*/*might* +infinitive without *to* |
| *lf the water* ***hadn't******been******stored****, there* ***wouldn't******be*** *a harvest* *this year* |

We can use *if* in two positions:

* *if*-clause first: *lf we use less water, we should be able to provide* *enough for the whole population*.
* Main clause first: *We should be able to provide enough water for the whole population if we use less water.*

When the *if*-clause is at the beginning of the sentence, we use a comma to separate it from the main clause.