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If he had had a few days off, he would have gone to London.

(FACT: She was late so she didn't take the train.)

She would've taken the train if she hadn't been late.

(FACT: It rained so he wasn't outside playing soccer.)

If it hadn't rained, he would've been outside playing soccer.

(if clause—past perfect tense) (result clause—would/could + present perfect)

3rd conditional

SPECIFIC—UNREAL CONDITION OF THE PAST

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2nd conditional

SPECIFIC—UNREAL CONDITION IN THE PRESENT & FUTURE

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Tell her to take a taxi if she's running late.

(result clause—future tense, imperative, suggestion with should)

(if clause—present tense)

First conditional

SPECIFIC—REAL CONDITION IN THE PRESENT & FUTURE

When he had a few days off, he went to London.

When it rains, he usually stays home.

(result clause—present tense) or (result clause—past tense)

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Zero conditional

GENERAL—ALWAYS TRUE IN THE PRESENT & PAST

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