

### Introduction to Conditionals

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| 1) If he tries, he will succeed.                        | idea: present (real)<br>(when he tries)    |
| 2) If he tried, he would succeed.<br>(now)              | idea: present (unreal)<br>(he doesn't try) |
| 3) If he tried, he would have succeeded.<br>(yesterday) | Idea: past (unreal)<br>(he didn't try)     |

- Notes:
- a) You may also use could or might instead of would, (depending on the meaning you want).
  - b) Don't use will, would, would have on both sides; this usually occurs in informal speech. To some, this is never acceptable.
  - c) You can put the if part either first or second.
  - d) The verb "be" never has "was:":
 

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| If | I WERE    |
|    | you were  |
|    | HE WERE   |
|    | SHE WERE  |
|    | we were   |
|    | they were |

Match the following sentences:

If I had time,  
If I had time,  
If I had time,

I will go.  
I would have gone.  
I would go.

If they find the money,  
If they had found the money,  
If they found the money,

they would have been rich.  
they would be rich.  
they will be rich.

If she changes her mind,  
If she changed her mind,  
If she had changed her mind,

she would be happier.  
she would have been happier.  
she will be happier.

I will see her  
I would have seen her  
I would see her

if I get time off.  
if I got time off.  
if I had gotten time off.

I will get it  
I would get it  
I would have gotten it

if it had fit.  
if it fits.  
if it fit.