Introduction to Conditionals

1) If he tries, he will succeed.	idea:	present (real) (when he tries)
2) If he tried, he would succeed. (now)	idea:	present (unreal) (he doesn't try)
3) If he tried, he would have succeeded. (yesterday)	Idea:	past (unreal) (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:" If I WERE
you were
HE WERE
SHE WERE
we were
they were

Match the following sentences:

If I had time,	I will go.
If I had time,	I would have gone.
If I had time,	I would go.
If they find the money,	they would have been rich.
If they had found the money,	they would be rich.
If they found the money,	they will be rich.
If she changes her mind,	she would be happier.
If she changed her mind,	she would have been happier.
If she had changed her mind,	she will be happier.
I will see her	if I get time off.
I would have seen her	if I got time off.
I would see her	if I had gotten time off.
I will get it	if it had fit.
I would get it	if it fits.
I would have gotten it	if it fit.

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