

UNIT-10

CONDITIONAL SENTENCES

1) Type-I (open condition)

If the given sentence of "if" clause is in simple present tense then the main clause takes; will/shall/can/may/ + infinitive (v) without 'to'

E.g., If you study hard, you will pass the exam

Condition of this type informs us that something will happen if a certain condition is fulfilled. The condition may or may not be fulfilled.

2) Type-II (Improbable or imaginary condition)

If the given sentence of «if* clause is in simple past tense then the main clause will be in the following structure:

If clause (simple past)-(main clause) would/should/might/could + v

e.g., If I were a bird, I would fly in the sky

Conditionals of this type are used when we talk about something which we don't expect to happen or which is purely imaginary.

3) Type-III (Unfulfilled condition)

If the "If" clause is given in past perfect tense then we use the following rules for the main clause:

If clause (past - perfect)- (main clause) would/should/could/might + have + v°

e.g., If I had started my career as a politician, I would have become prime minister.

Conditionals of this type tell us that something did not happen because a certain condition was not fulfilled.