Conditionals

"Conditionals are our fantasy world."

Zero Conditional:

Usage: Facts or things that are always true

Form: If / when + present simple

Example: When ice melts, it turns to water. If you don't pass, you fail.

First Conditional:

Usage: Possible future

Form: If + present simple, will (or other modal verb, might)

Example: If Jang passes the exam, she will celebrate. Jack might be lost forever, if he returns to Korea. If I see him, I will tell him.

Second Conditional:

Usage: Present unreal Hypothetical situation that is not true and probably never will be true

Form: If + past simple, would/could/might + infinitive

Example: If Nita had wings, she could fly. If I had more time, I would travel more.

Third Conditional:

Usage: Fantasy, past action that never happened

Form: If + past perfect, would/could/might + have + past participle (Present Perfect)

Example: If Mary had studied harder, she would have passed the exam. Jang might have been angry, if her friend had got a higher grade. If Mary had been a better player, we would have won the game.

Mixed Conditional:

(second and third conditional) Usage: Past action with a present result

Form: If + past perfect, would + infinitive

Example: If I had stayed home, I would be bored now. If Gabor had caught a fish, we would have dinner now.