

IF CLAUSES

Periodo ipotetico

Forma	Uso	Esempi
TIPO 0		
If+soggetto+simple present (if clause), +soggetto+simple present/imperativo/modale (main clause)	Riferito ad abitudini, istruzioni, processi scientifici o meccanici	- It splits in two, if you put too much force on it. -Press the red button if you want to stop the engine. -Don't forget to pick her up, if you want her to come.
TIPO 1 (della realtà)		
If+soggetto+present simple (if clause), + soggetto+ will+base form (main clause)	Riferito ad eventi futuri possibili o probabili	-If I'm fine, I'll come to your party - I'll go skiing next week-end if it snows during the week. - If the weather is bad, the concert will be postponed.
TIPO 2 (della probabilità)		
If+soggetto+simple past (if clause), + soggetto+ would/could/might+base form (main clause)	Riferito ad eventi che è improbabile che accadano	-If I had more time, I'd like to learn how to play the guitar. - My team might win the tournament, If it had another coach. - If my students were quieter, I could give them more interesting things to do. -*Imagine you won the lottery. What would you do with all that money?

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If+soggetto+past perfect (if clause), +soggetto+would have/could have/might have+past participle del verbo (main clause)	Riferito ad ipotesi impossibili su fatti già accaduti	- I would have come to the match, if my wife hadn't broken her leg. - I could have been a diver, if my parents had helped me to overcome my fear of water. - If we had had more time, we would have visited not only Rome but Venice as well.

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