

# Conditional Sentences

## USES AND FORM

- ▶ Conditional Sentences are formed by 2 clauses:
  - IF-clause or Condition *If it doesn't rain,...*
  - Main clause or Result *... I will go out*
- ▶ They are used to express that the action in the main clause can only take part if a certain condition is fulfilled.



- ▶ The order of the clauses can be altered.



- ▶ The question structure can only be applied in the Main Clause.  
*What would you do if you found a gold necklace in the street?* *If you found a gold necklace in the street, what would you do?*

## TYPES OF CONDITIONALS

### 0 CONDITIONAL



- ▶ To describe what always happens → *If you **heat** ice, it **melts***

### 1st CONDITIONAL



- ▶ To describe what may possibly happen → *If you **drop** that glass, it **will break***

### 2nd CONDITIONAL



- ▶ To describe what is unlikely to happen → *If I **had** a younger brother, I **would teach** him to play football*

### 3rd CONDITIONAL



- ▶ To describe an impossible situation → *If she **had answered** all the questions, she **would have passed** the exam*

## MIXED CONDITIONALS



*If I **hadn't told** Mary that I didn't love her, I **would be** happily married now.*



*If she **didn't like** pasta, she **would have ordered** something else.*