If... Then...: Conditional Sentences — Essentials

Oraciones condicionales

Understand it · Entiéndelo

A scale of reality · Una escala de realidad

Match the two halves to how real the situation feels. A real possibility takes si plus the present, then the present, the future or a command. An imagined one takes si plus the past subjunctive, then the conditional. A past one that cannot change takes si plus hubiera and a participle, then habría and a participle.

English	Spanish
If I have time, I go/will go.	Si tengo tiempo, voy. Si: Connector
If I have time, I will go.	Si tengo tiempo, iré. Si: Connector
If I had time, I would go.	Si tuviera tiempo, iría. Si: Connector

Notes

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Use it · Úsalo

Build it step by step · Constrúyelo paso a paso

English	Spanish
If you can, come.	Si puedes, ven. Si: Connector
If I had time, I would study more.	Si tuviera tiempo, estudiaría más. Si: Connector

Try it · Inténtalo

Express an open possibility with tener and ir, then a hypothetical situation with the same verbs.

Self-check · Comprueba tu respuesta

Si tengo tiempo, iré. Si tuviera tiempo, iría.

Common mistake · Error común

In the ordinary hypothetical pattern, do not put conditional in the si clause: Si tuviera, not Si tendría.

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