«if» - clauses #1

(conditional sentences – Konditionalsatz/Bedingungsgefüge)

if-Satz

Hauptsatz

 Reales Bedingungsgefüge auf die Gegenwart oder Zukunft bezogen (Typ 1)

==> "Was ist/was passiert, wenn ..."

Erfüllbare Bedingung	Tatsächliche Folge
If you slow down, If you add some chilli,	you save petrol. the food becomes more tasty.
If the music is too loud, If you don't like this t-shirt,	turn off the radio. you can take another one.
==> <u>simple present</u>	==> <u>simple present</u> , <u>Imperativ o.</u> <u>Hilfsverb</u> (can, must, could, should)
Erfüllbare Bedingung	Tatsächliche oder mögliche Folge
If the weather is fine, If you want to swim,	we will have a picnic by the river. you will have to bring your swimming trunks with you.
If we have a picnic, If you want to swim,	we mustn't forget a blanket. you shouldn't forget your swimming trunks.
==> <u>simple present</u>	==> <u>will-future o. Hilfsverb</u> (can, must, could, should)

2. <u>Potentiales o. irreales</u> Bedingungsgefüge auf die <u>Gegenwart</u> oder <u>Zukunft</u> bezogen (Typ 2)

==> "Was wäre, wenn ..."

Erfüllbare Bedingung	Mögliche Folge
If she came, If you gave me some money,	I would tell her something about my adventure. I could buy the new mobile.
==> <u>simple past</u>	==> <u>would o. could, should + infinitive</u>
Nicht erfüllbare Bedingung	Nur gedachte Folge
If I was/were still 20 years old, If I were you,	I would make a trip to Australia. I could also make a career as an opera singer.