



Nicole's English Classes



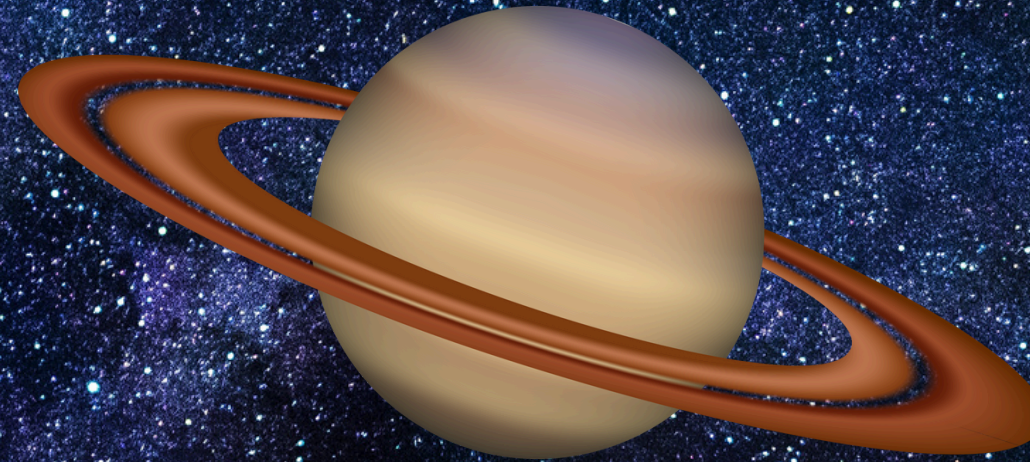
Conditional Tense: Out of this World!



Zero Conditional



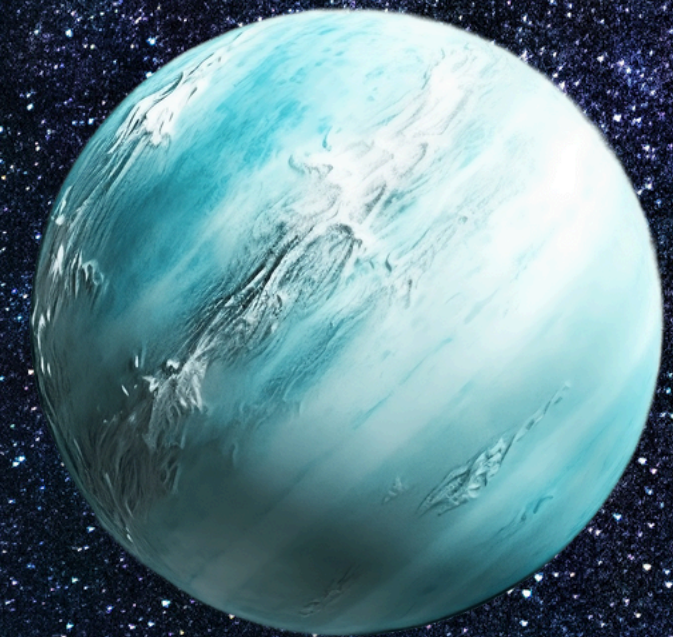
First Conditional



Mixed Conditionals



Second Conditional



Third Conditional

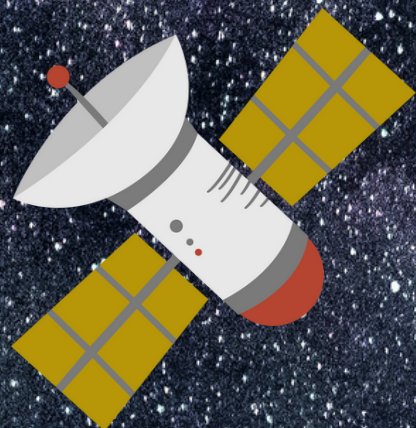


ZERO CONDITIONAL



Used for facts and truths- things that are always true

USE



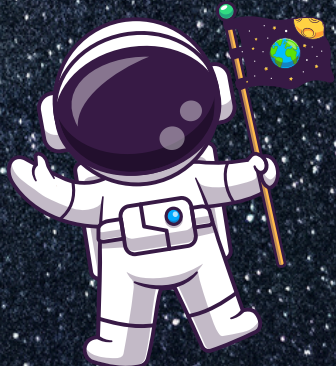
IF-CLAUSE

Present Simple

MAIN CLAUSE

Present Simple

FORM



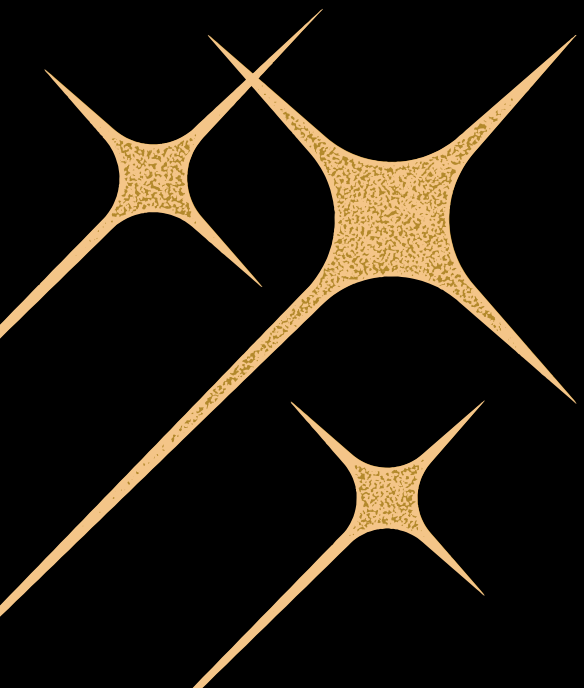
If you heat water, it boils.
If I'm tired, I go to bed early.
If it rains, the ground gets wet.

EXAMPLES

REMEMBER



You can always swap the order of the If-clause and the Main Clause in any conditional sentence. For example, you can say: *If it reaches 100 degrees, water boils.* AND *Water boils if it reaches 100 degrees.* (Don't use a comma when the if-clause comes second!)



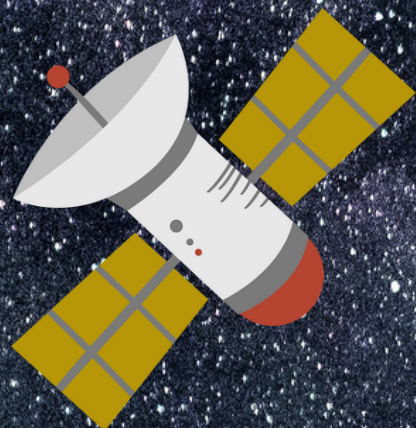


FIRST CONDITIONAL



Used for statements that are real or possible future situations.
The results are very likely

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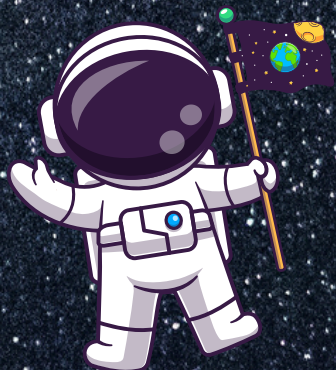
IF-CLAUSE

Present Simple

MAIN CLAUSE

Future Tense

FORM



If it rains, I will stay home.
If I study, I will pass the test.
We will catch the bus if we hurry.
You will be tired if you go to bed late.

EXAMPLES

You can use other modal verbs instead of “will” for different meanings:

might: possibility

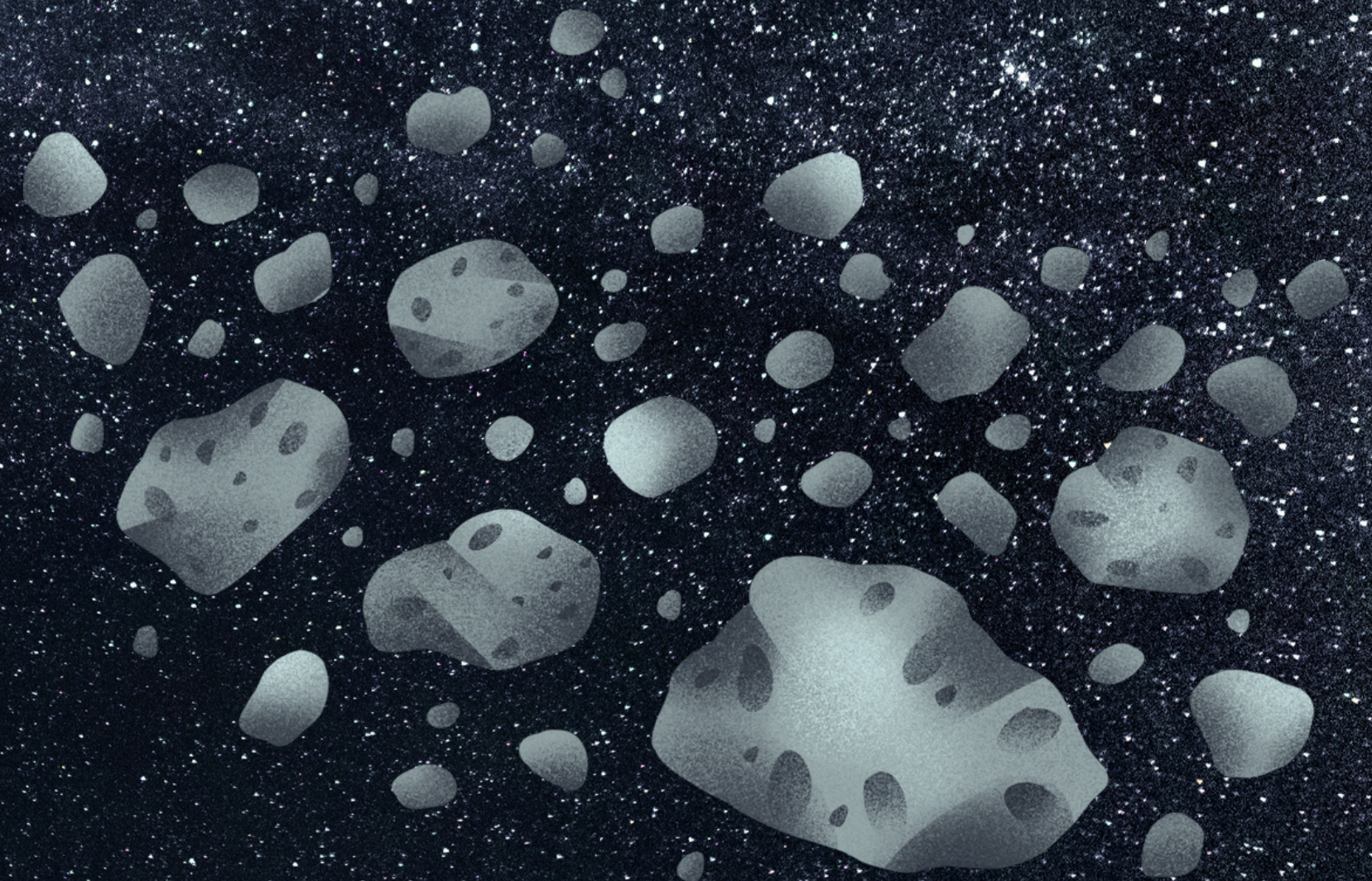
Ex. If it rains, we might stay home.

can: ability

Ex. If you study, you can pass the test.

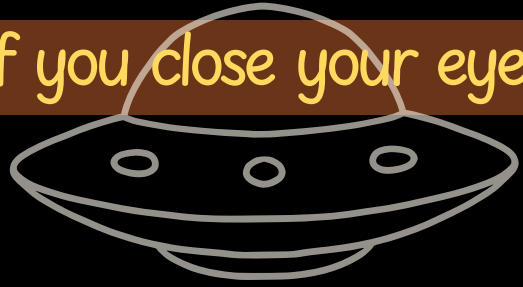
may: permission

Ex. If you're good, you may get ice cream.



Let's Practice: Match the ship to the planet!

If you close your eyes



If you eat too much fast food



If you have big muscles



If you don't brush your teeth



If you run slowly



If you don't exercise



If you stand outside in a rainstorm



If you swim in the ocean with sharks



If you raise your hand



If you do your homework



You will be able to lift a lot of weight.



Your teacher will be happy.



You will get fat.



You will become weaker and lazier.



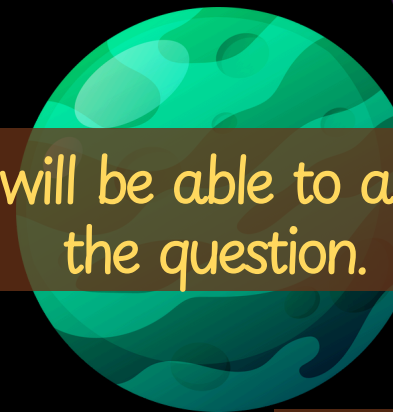
You will lose your teeth.



You will get eaten.



You will be able to answer the question.



You won't be able to see.



You will lose the race.

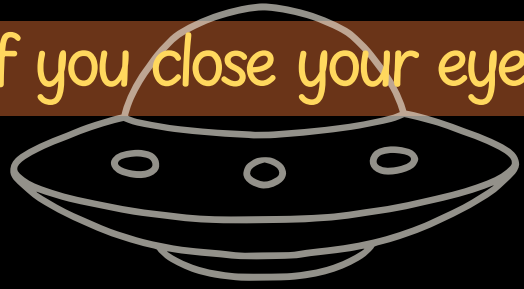


You will get wet.



Great job!

If you close your eyes



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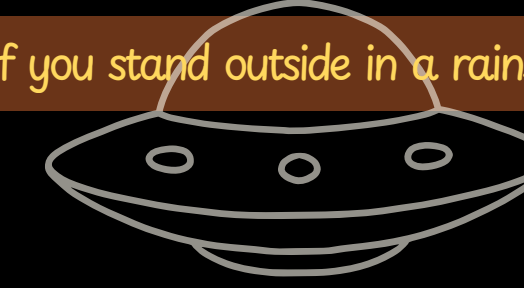
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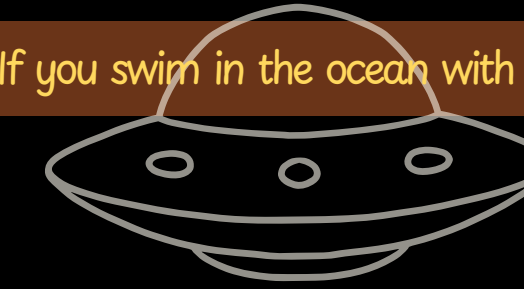
If you stand outside in a rainstorm



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If you swim in the ocean with sharks



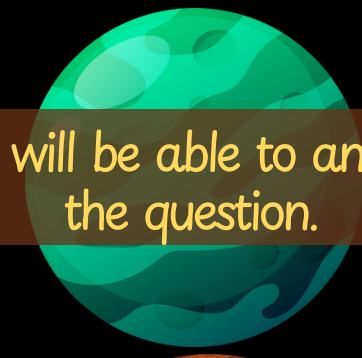
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If you raise your hand



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If you do your homework



Your teacher will be happy.



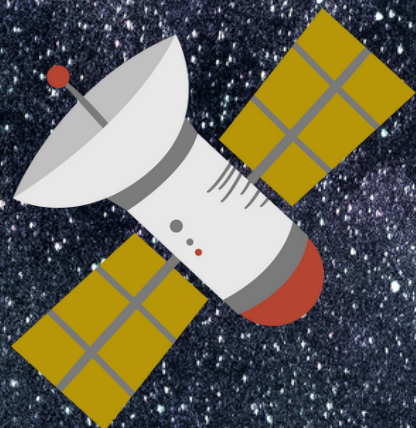


SECOND CONDITIONAL



Used for unreal or imaginary situations. Things that are not true now and not likely to happen in the future.

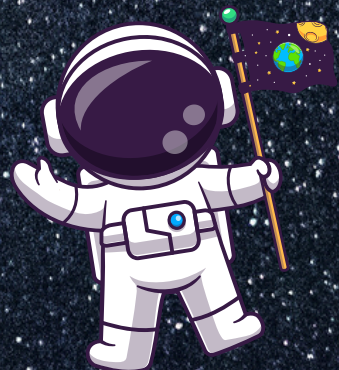
USE



IF-CLAUSE
Past Tense

MAIN CLAUSE
would

FORM



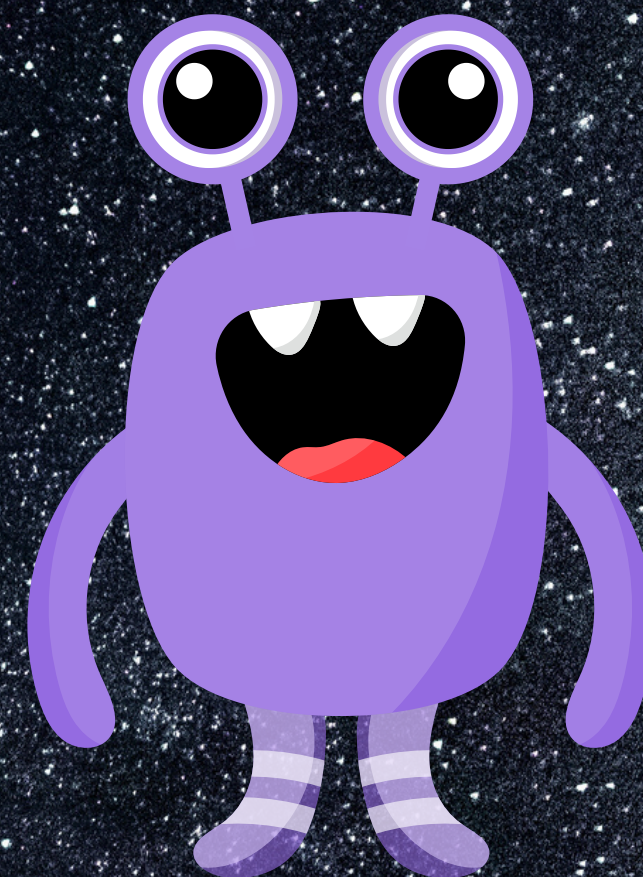
If I had a million dollars, I would buy a castle.
If it snowed in the summer, we would build a snowman.
I would play tricks on my friends if I was invisible.
I would fly to school if I had a pet dragon.

EXAMPLES



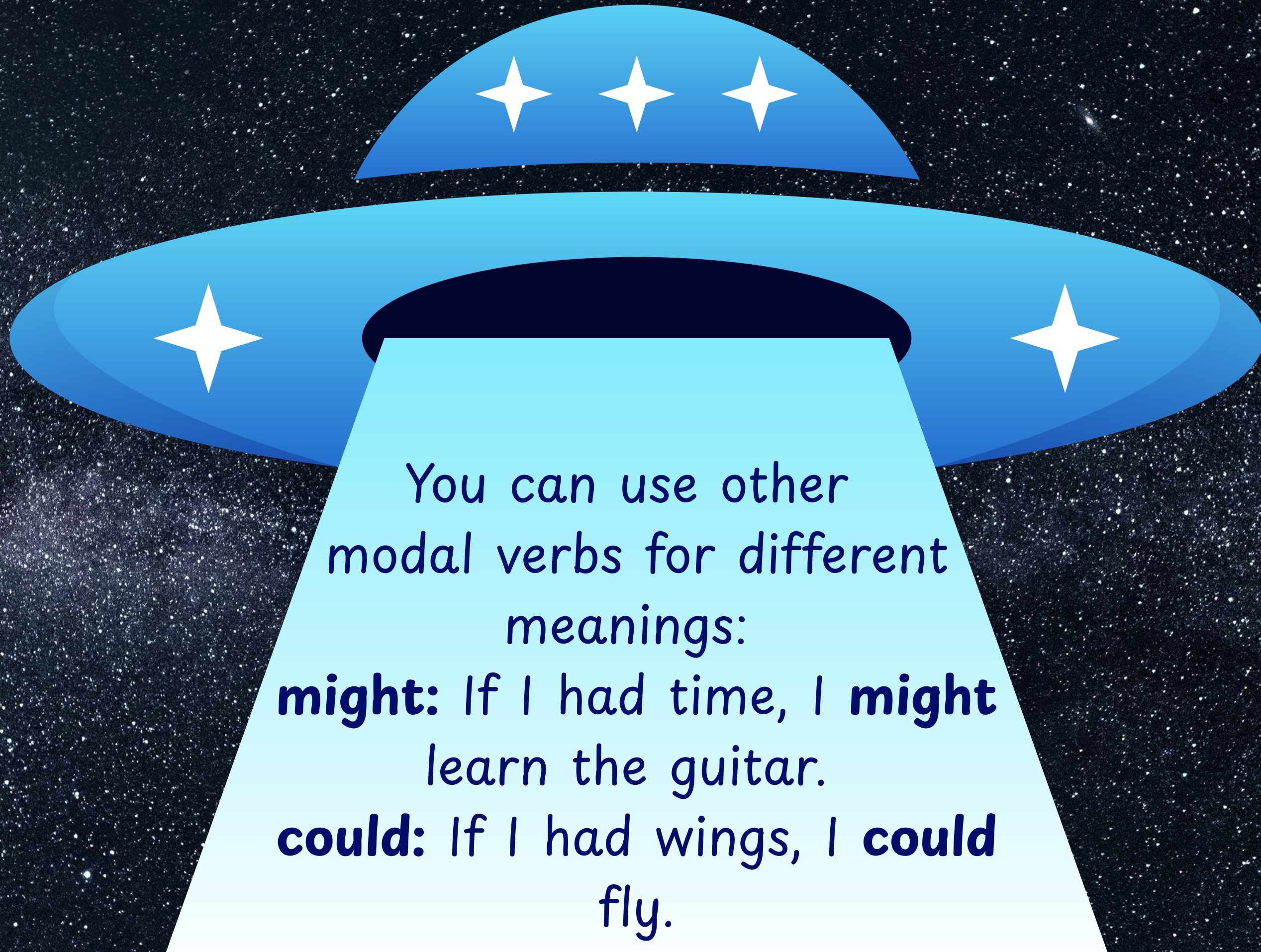
We use the second conditional for imaginary situations!

The if-clause is in the past tense, but we are not talking about the past!



We sometimes use “were” not “was” after if, even with “I”.

EX: If I were rich, I would travel the world.



You can use other modal verbs for different meanings:

might: If I had time, I **might** learn the guitar.

could: If I had wings, I **could** fly.

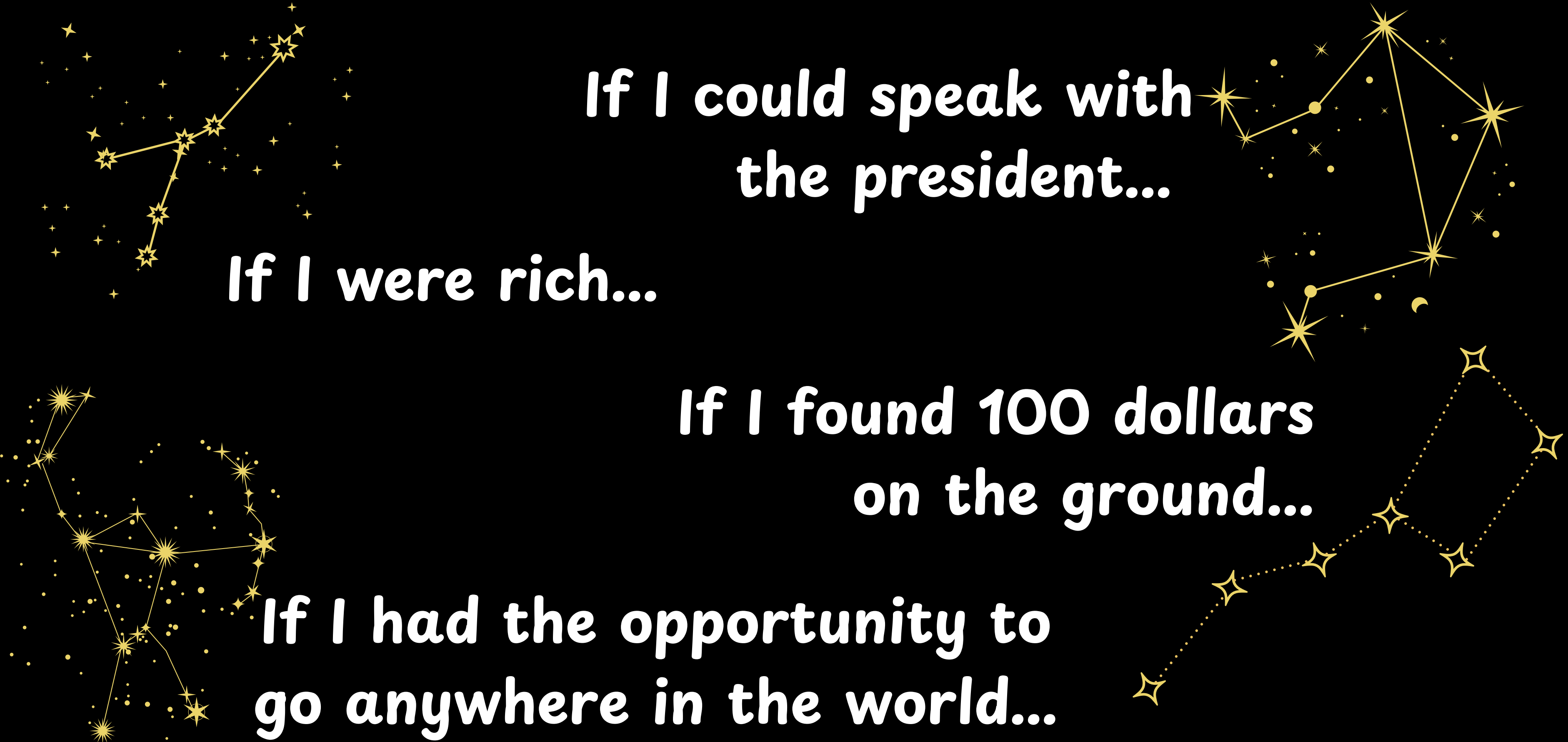
FINISH THE SENTENCE

**If I could speak with
the president...**

If I were rich...

**If I found 100 dollars
on the ground...**

**If I had the opportunity to
go anywhere in the world...**

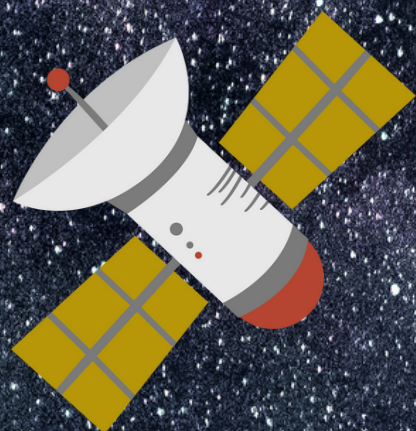




THIRD CONDITIONAL

Used for unreal situations in the past. Used to tell regret or imagined changes to past events. Things that didn't happen and what would have happened if they did.

USE



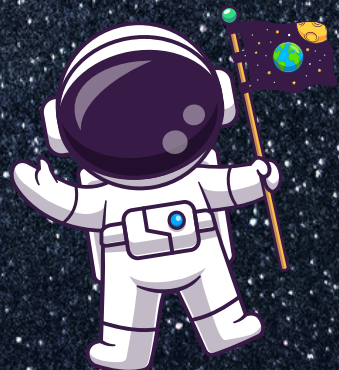
IF-CLAUSE

past perfect

MAIN CLAUSE

would have

FORM



If I had known, I would have helped you.

I would have stayed inside if it had rained.

If I had studied, I would have passed the test.

I would have went to the gym if I had woken up earlier.

EXAMPLES

**It is about the past! - But an unreal or imaginary past:
The event did not actually happen**

Often expresses regret, relief, or reflection

Other modal verbs: might have, could have



2nd conditional



- imaginary present/future
- If I won the lottery, I would travel.
- It is not real, but maybe possible

3rd conditional



- imaginary past
- If I had won the lottery, I would have traveled.
- It didn't happen.

FINISH THE SENTENCES



If I had been born 100 years ago,
I would have...

If my teacher had been an alien, I
would have...

If I hadn't eaten that spicy taco, I
wouldn't have...

If dinosaurs had survived, humans
would have...

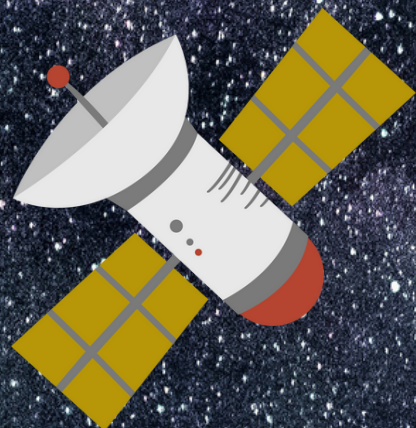


MIXED CONDITIONAL

Used when the time in the if-clause and the time in the result are different. We mix two types of conditionals (2nd and 3rd)



USE



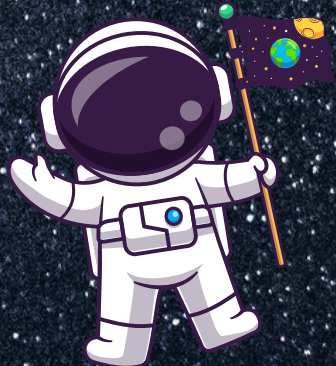
PAST ---> PRESENT

if + past perfect + would

PRESENT ---> PAST

if + past simple + would have

FORM



If I had studied harder, I would have a better job now.

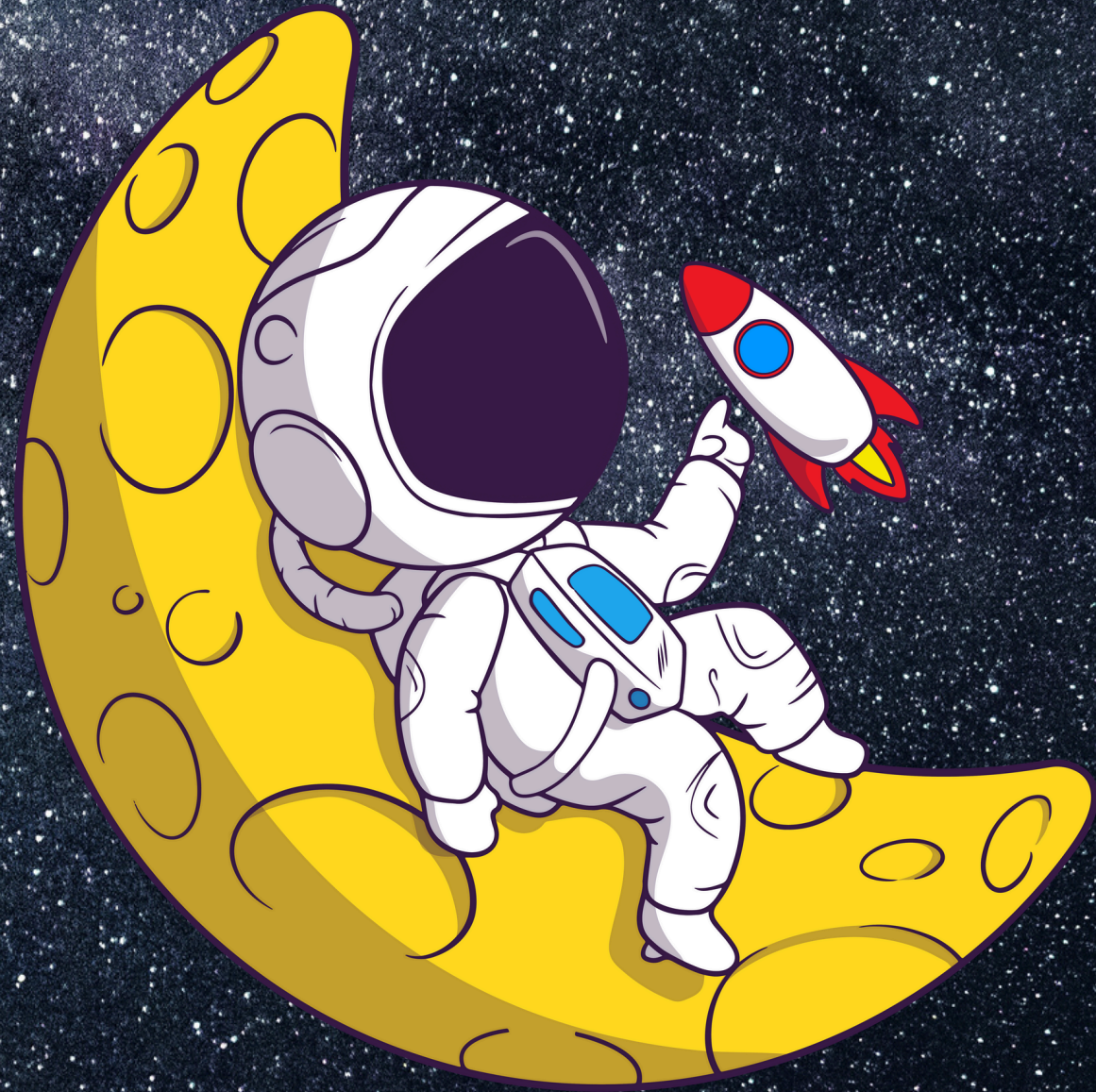
If she hadn't eaten all the cake, she would feel hungry now.

If I were taller, I would have joined the basketball team.

If we lived in Spain, we would have learned Spanish at school.

EXAMPLES

Let's break it down



Past ---> Present

Past affects the present

if + past perfect + would + base verb
If I had slept earlier, I would feel better now.

Present ---> Past

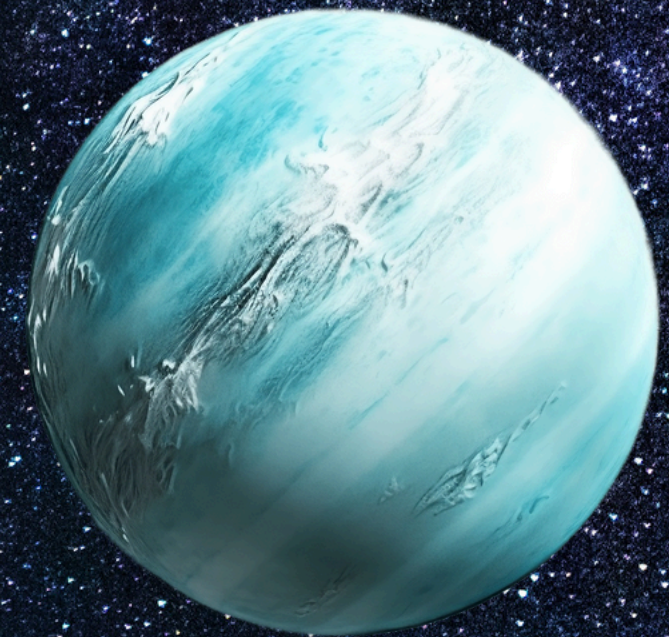
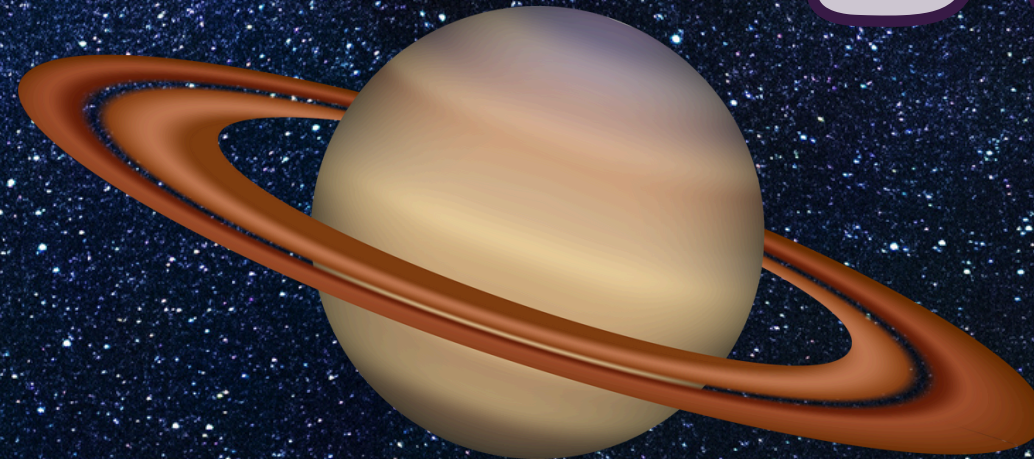
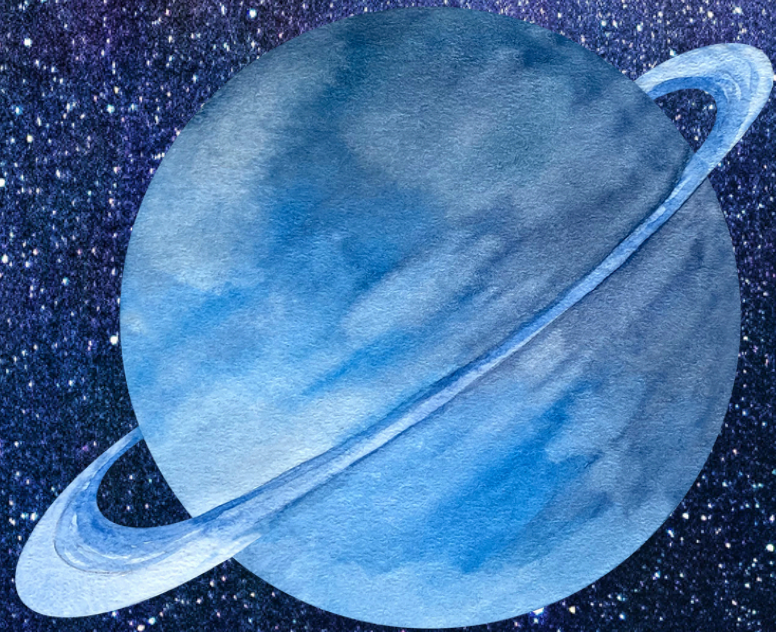
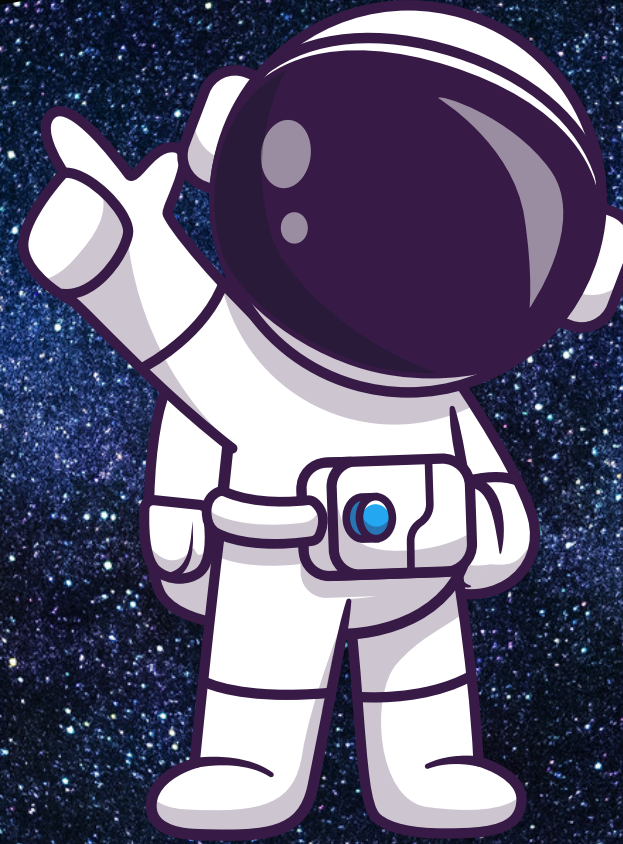
Present affects the past

if + past simple + would have
If I were taller I would have played basketball when I
was a teenager.



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If you understand conditionals, you'll definitely go beyond this world — maybe even to Mars!





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