



Conditional Sentences

CONDITIONALS

if . . .

ZERO

FIRST

SECOND

THIRD

There are 4 main types of ***if sentences*** in English, often called conditional sentences.

- These sentences are in two halves (clauses):
- the **if** part (if clause)
- the other part where you can use words such as **can, will, may, might, could and would** (main clause)

ZERO CONDITIONAL

If clause

If + Present simple

Main clause

Present simple

If I am late for school,
my teacher gets angry.



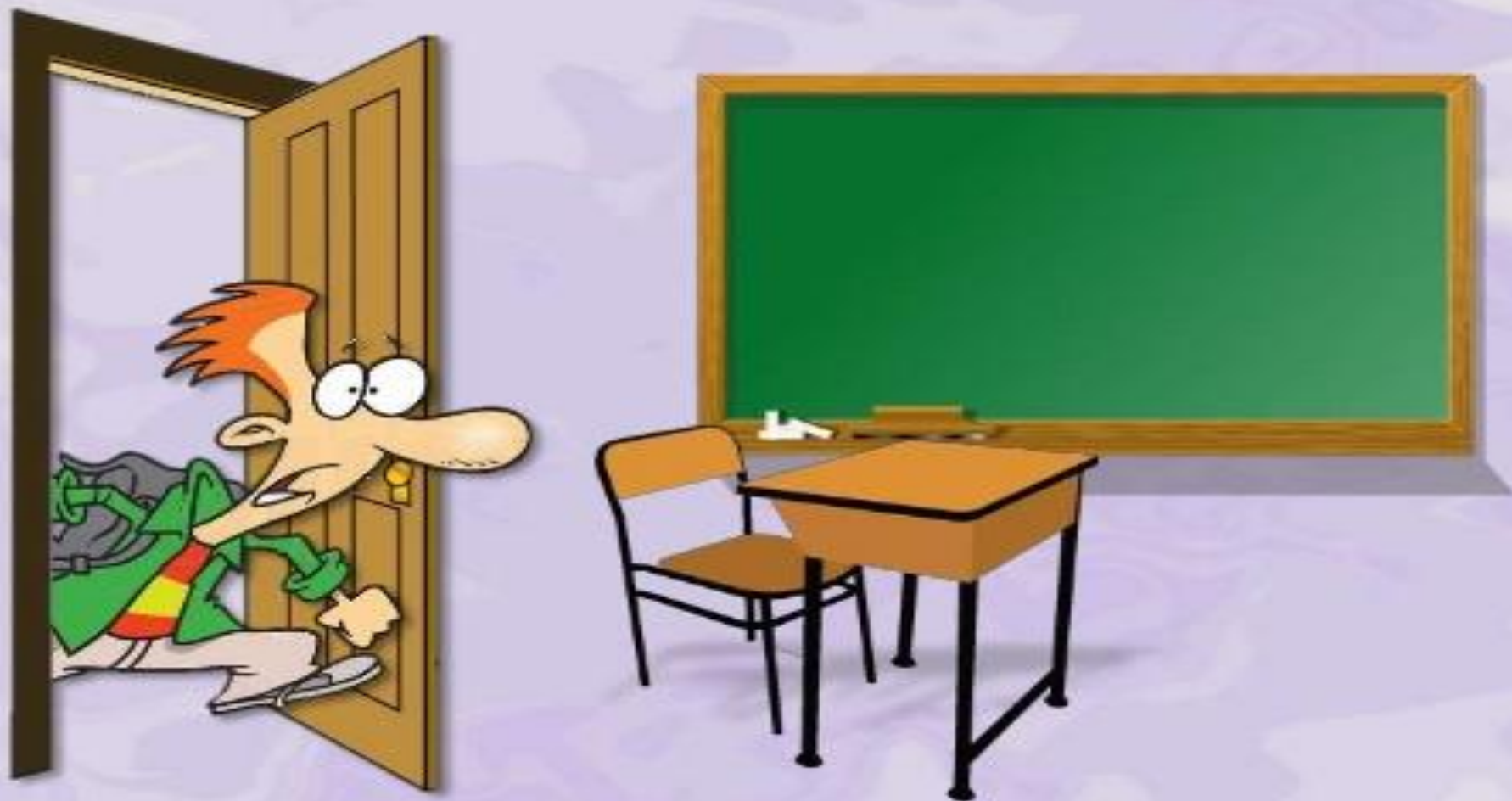
If I oversleep ...



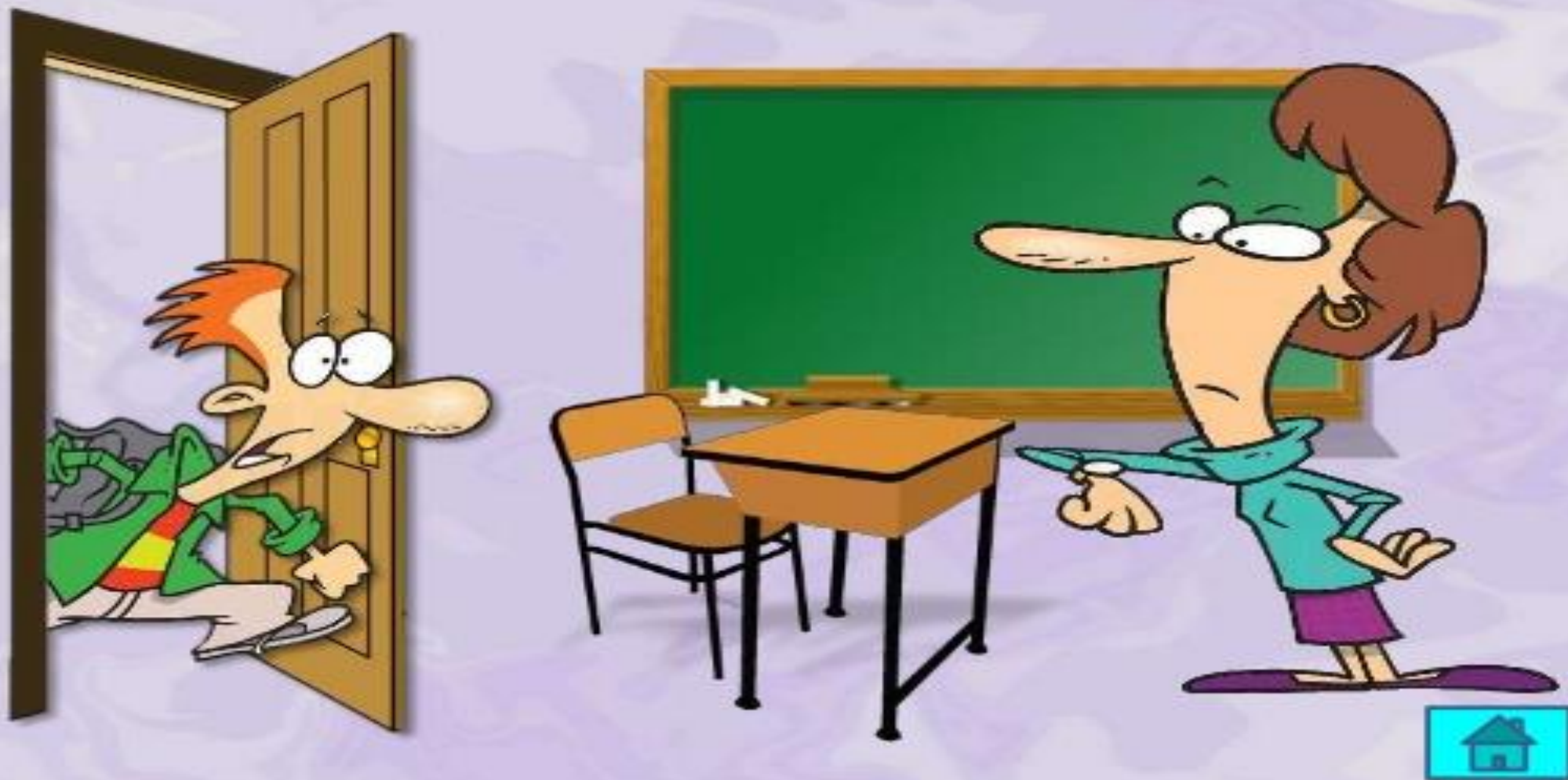
I miss the bus.



If I miss the bus, I am late for school.



If I am late for school, my teacher gets angry.





FIRST CONDITIONAL

If clause	Main clause
If + Present tense	will / can / may / must + verb

If I go to London,
I will see the Big Ben.

If I go to London ...



I will see the Big Ben.

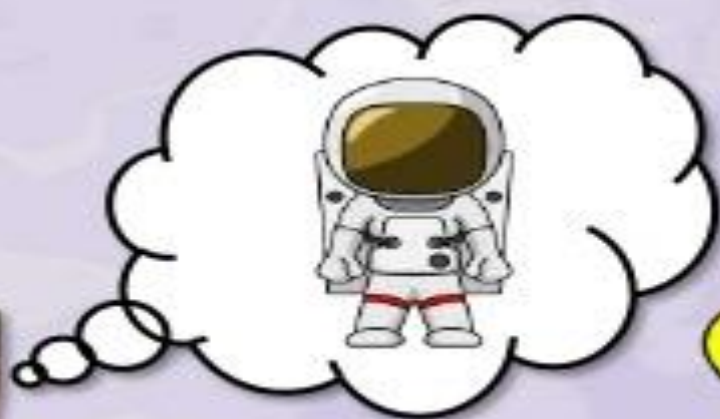


If I **go** to Buckingham Palace,
I can **take** a photo of the Royal Guard.



If you **go** to London,
you **must look** right before crossing a street





SECOND CONDITIONAL

If clause	Main clause
If + Past Simple	would / could / might + verb

If I were an astronaut,
I would travel in a spaceship.

If I were an astronaut,
I would travel in a spaceship.



If I travelled in a spaceship,
I would go to Mars.



**If I went to Mars,
I would meet a Martian.**

**Nice to
meet you!**



If I met a Martian,
I wouldn't understand him.

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If I didn't understand him,
I would come back to the Earth.





THIRD CONDITIONAL

If clause	Main clause
If + Past Perfect tense	would/could/might + have + past participle

**If I had studied hard,
I would have passed my exams.**

If you **had studied** hard,
you **wouldn't have failed** your exam.



If you **had passed** your exam,
you **could have gone** to the beach.



If I **had** gone to the beach, I **would** have **made** sand castles.



