

The conditional



How to form the conditional

Take the **infinitive** of the verb, e.g. **manger**, and add the following endings:

je **mangerais**
tu **mangerais**
il/elle/on **mangerait**
nous **mangerions**
vous **mangeriez**
ils/elles **mangeraient**

The conditional translates as 'would...'

Si je passais mes vacances en Belgique, **je mangerais** du chocolat tous les jours!

*If I spent my holidays in Belgium, **I would eat** chocolate every day!*

Irregular verbs in the conditional

The following verbs take different **stems** in the conditional:

aller	j'irais
avoir	j'aurais
être	je serais
faire	je ferais
pouvoir	je pourrais
savoir	je saurais
vouloir	je voudrais

The conditional perfect

A useful phrase to know is **j'aurais préféré + infinitive** – I would have preferred.

This is an example of the conditional perfect.

J'aurais préféré passer mes vacances en France.
I would have preferred to spend my holidays in France.

Elle aurait préféré manger de la glace.
She would have preferred to eat ice cream.

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