

Conditional cards (Grammar)

- Description:** A card game for practising the first, second and third conditional.
- Use with or after:** *English Network Plus (New Edition)*, Unit 3.
- Skill:** Grammar
- Focus:** Matching the beginnings and endings of conditional sentences.
- Time:** 20 minutes
- Preparation:**
- Print out all four pages of this file.
 - Make a copy of the second page (*How to play the game*) for each student.
 - Make copies of the third and fourth pages, on stiff paper if possible, for every three, four or five members of your class.
 - Cut along the dotted lines to obtain decks of 32 cards. (Ideally you should use a different colour of 120 g/m² paper for each deck of cards.)
- Procedure:**
- Divide the class into groups of four if possible. (The game can also be played in groups of three or five.) Each group should sit around a table.
 - Give each group a complete deck of 32 cards, and give each student a copy of the instruction sheet.
 - Some of your students may have played similar card games when they were children, in which case they can help you explain it to the rest of the class. In this particular version there are sixteen pairs of cards that fit together to make conditional sentences.

How to play the card game *Conditional Cards*

- Form groups of three, four or five players. Each group should sit around a table.
- The goal of this game is to get matching pairs of cards forming sentences in the first, second and third conditional.
- Before you play the game, spread out all the cards on the table and sort them into pairs, so you can see which ones fit together.
- In each group someone (the *dealer*) mixes the cards and deals out all the cards to the players. Some players might have one more card than others, but this does not matter.
- Look at your cards and see if you have any pairs that fit together to form a conditional sentence. If you do, put these pairs face up on the table so everyone can check that they really belong together. (Ask your teacher if you are not sure.) If you have made a mistake, you have to pick up the cards again and go on playing with them.
- The dealer begins.
- When it is your turn you must offer your cards spread face down to the player on your left. That player selects a card from your hand without seeing it, and adds it to his or her hand. If it makes a pair that person puts the two cards on the table for everyone to see.
- The player who just took a card then offers his or her cards face down to the next person on the left, and so on.
- When you have no more cards you are out of the game.
- When all the pairs are on the table, count up your score as follows:
 - One point for each pair of cards that makes a first conditional.
 - Two points for each pair of cards that makes a second conditional.
 - Three points for each pair of cards that makes a third conditional.

<p>I'll marry him ...</p>	<p>... if he asks me.</p>	<p>If I saw Lisa, ...</p>	<p>... I would tell her the good news.</p>
<p>I'd marry him ...</p>	<p>... if he asked me.</p>	<p>If I had seen Lisa, ...</p>	<p>... I would have told her the good news.</p>
<p>I would have married him ...</p>	<p>... if he had asked me.</p>	<p>If we go to Nepal, ...</p>	<p>... we'll climb a mountain there.</p>
<p>If I see Lisa, ...</p>	<p>... I'll tell her the good news.</p>	<p>If we went to Nepal, ...</p>	<p>... we'd climb a mountain there.</p>

<p>... you won't lose your driving licence.</p>	<p>If you drive carefully, ...</p>	<p>... we would have climbed a mountain there.</p>	<p>If we had gone to Nepal, ...</p>
<p>... you wouldn't lose your driving licence.</p>	<p>If you drove carefully, ...</p>	<p>... if I meet them at the opera.</p>	<p>I'll say hello to your parents ...</p>
<p>... you wouldn't have lost your driving licence.</p>	<p>If you had driven carefully, ...</p>	<p>... if I met them at the opera.</p>	<p>I'd say hello to your parents ...</p>
<p>... if you hadn't burnt it.</p>	<p>That pizza would have been delicious ...</p>	<p>... if I had met them at the opera.</p>	<p>I would have said hello to your parents ...</p>