

EL MODO CONDICIONAL

Conditional Tense –Regular and Irregular Verbs in the Conditional Tense.

The Conditional Tense is used to express:

- A **future action** (*desire*). **Ex:** (yo) **Compraría** una casa. (*I would buy a house.*)
- What is uncertain or probable in the past. **Ex:** Probablemente (él) **vendría** a verme ayer, pero (yo) no estaba aquí. (*He was probably coming to see me, but I wasn't here.*)
- A **courtesy when asking** for something. **Ex:** ¿(usted) **Podría** decirme la hora, por favor? (*Would you tell me the time, please?*)

The conditional is used in a variety of situations:

- To **communicate a condition** based on something known or expressed. **Ex:** (nosotros) **Iríamos** a Europa, pero no tenemos dinero. (*We would go to Europe but we don't have any Money.*)
- To communicate a **future condition** based on a **past occurrence**. **Ex:** (él) Dijo que **iría** a la reunión. (*He said he would go to the meeting.*)
- To communicate **doubt in the present** about something that occurred in the past. **Ex:** (yo) No sé por qué (él) **estaría** tan enojado conmigo (*I don't know why he was so mad on me.*)

The verbs that are irregular in the Future Tense are also irregular in the **Conditional Tense**.

The structure of the **conditional tense** is derived from the structure of the future tense, such that, if the future is regular, the conditional is also regular. For example: **comeré** (*future*), **comería** (*conditional*).

If the future is irregular, the conditional is also. For example: (yo) **pondré** (*future*), (yo) **pondría** (*conditional*).

The **Simple Conditional** is formed adding the following endings to the infinitive: ía, ías, ía, íamos, íais, ían. Ex.:

PERSON	VERB	ENDINGS
(yo)		- ía
(tú)		- ías
(usted, él, ella)	hablar +	- ía
(nosotros / nosotras)	comer +	- íamos
(vosotros / vosotras)	vivir +	- ías
(ustedes, ellos, ellas)		- ían

As in the future tense, there are **12 basic verbs** that don't follow the same conjugation rules in the conditional tense and related verbs:

cab er (to fit)	quer er (to want)
dec ir (to say)	sab er (to know)
hab er (to have; there is, there are)	sal ir (to leave, to go out)
hac er (to do, to make)	ten er (to have)
pod er (can; to be able to)	val er (to be worth)
pon er (to put, to set)	ven ir (to come)

Changes in the **stem** of some irregular verbs (*mono and bi-syllable*) in **Conditional**

Infinitive	Change	Stem	Endings	Infinitive	Change	Stem	Endings
cab er (to fit)	cab ^{er}	cabr	ía	quer er (to want)	quer ^{er}	querr	ía
dec ir (to say)	dec ^{ir}	dir	ías	sab er (to know)	sab ^{er}	sabr	ías
hab er (there is /are)	hab ^{er}	habr	ía	sal ir (to go out)	sal ^{ir}	saldr	ía
hac er (to do, make)	hac ^{er}	har	íamos	tene r (to have)	tene ^{er}	tendr	íamos
pod er (can, be able)	pod ^{er}	podr	íais	val er (to cost)	val ^{er}	valdr	íais
pon er (to put, to set)	pon ^{er}	pondr	ían	veni r (to come)	veni ^{ir}	vendr	ían

Conjugation of irregular verbs in **Conditional**

Subject	cab ^{er}	to fit
<i>yo</i>	cabr ía	I would fit
<i>tú</i>	cabr ías	You would fit
<i>usted, él, ella</i>	cabr ía	You (<i>formal</i>) / he, she would fit
<i>nosotros nosotras</i>	cabr íamos	We would fit
<i>vosotros vosotras</i>	cabr íais	You (<i>plural -Spain</i>) would fit /They would fit
<i>ustedes, ellos, ellas</i>	cabr ían	You (<i>plural - L. America</i>) would fit /They would fit

Subject	dec ^{ir}	to say, to tell
<i>yo</i>	dir ía	I would say
<i>tú</i>	dir ías	You would say
<i>usted, él, ella</i>	dir ía	You (<i>formal</i>) / he, she would say
<i>nosotros nosotras</i>	dir íamos	We would say
<i>vosotros vosotras</i>	dir íais	You (<i>plural -Spain</i>) would fit /They would say
<i>ustedes, ellos, ellas</i>	dir ían	You (<i>plural - L. America</i>) would fit /They would say

Subject	hab ^{er}	to have; there is, there are
<i>yo</i>	habr ía	I would have
<i>tú</i>	habr ías	You would have
<i>usted, él, ella</i>	habr ía	You (<i>formal</i>) / he, she would have; it would be
<i>nosotros nosotras</i>	habr íamos	We would have
<i>vosotros vosotras</i>	habr íais	You (<i>plural -Spain</i>) would fit /They would have
<i>ustedes, ellos, ellas</i>	habr ían	You (<i>plural - L. America</i>) would fit /They would have

Subject	hac ^{er}	to make, to do
<i>yo</i>	har ía	I would do
<i>tú</i>	har ías	You would do
<i>usted, él, ella</i>	har ía	You (<i>formal</i>) / he, she would do
<i>nosotros nosotras</i>	har íamos	We would do
<i>vosotros vosotras</i>	har íais	You (<i>plural -Spain</i>) would fit /They would do
<i>ustedes, ellos, ellas</i>	har ían	You (<i>plural - L. America</i>) would fit /They would do

Subject	pod ^{er}	can, to be able to
yo	podría	I would be able
tú	podrías	You would be able
usted, él, ella	podría	You (formal) / he, she would be able
nosotros nosotras	podríamos	We would be able
vosotros vosotras	podrías	You (plural -Spain) would fit /They would be able
ustedes, ellos, ellas	podrían	You (plural - L. America) would fit /They would be able

Subject	pon ^{er}	to put, to set
yo	pondría	I would put
tú	pondrías	You would put
usted, él, ella	pondría	You (formal) / he, she would put
nosotros nosotras	pondríamos	We would put
vosotros vosotras	pondrías	You (plural -Spain) would fit /They would put
ustedes, ellos, ellas	pondrían	You (plural - L. America) would fit /They would put

Examples of verbs of the same family (**poner**) that follow the same rules: **proponer** (to propose) = **propondría**; **imponer** (to impose) = **impondría**; **componer** (to compose) = **compondría**.

Subject	quer ^{er}	to want
yo	querría	I would want
tú	querrías	You would want
usted, él, ella	querría	You (formal) / he, she would want
nosotros nosotras	querríamos	We would want
vosotros vosotras	querrías	You (plural -Spain) would fit /They would want
ustedes, ellos, ellas	querrían	You (plural - L. America) would fit /They would want

Subject	sab ^{er}	to know
yo	sabría	I would know
tú	sabrías	You would know
usted, él, ella	sabría	You (formal) / he, she would know
nosotros nosotras	sabríamos	We would know
vosotros vosotras	sabrías	You (plural -Spain) would fit /They would know
ustedes, ellos, ellas	sabrían	You (plural - L. America) would fit /They would know

Subject	sal ^{ir}	to leave, go out
yo	saldría	I would leave
tú	saldrías	You would leave
usted, él, ella	saldría	You (formal) / he, she would leave
nosotros nosotras	saldríamos	We would leave
vosotros vosotras	saldrías	You (plural -Spain) would fit /They would leave
ustedes, ellos, ellas	saldrían	You (plural - L. America) would fit /They would leave

Subject	ten ^{er}	to have
yo	tendr ^{ía}	I would have
tú	tendr ^{ías}	You would have
usted, él, ella	tendr ^{ía}	You (formal) / he, she would have
nosotros nosotras	tendr ^{íamos}	We would have
vosotros vosotras	tendr ^{íais}	You (plural -Spain) would fit /They would have
ustedes, ellos, ellas	tendr ^{ían}	You (plural - L. America) would fit /They would have

Examples of verbs of the same family (**tener**) that follow the same rules: **mantener** (to maintain) = **mantendr^{ía}** a; **contener** (to contain) = **contendr^{ía}**.

Subject	val ^{er}	to be worth
yo	valdr ^{ía}	I would be worth
tú	valdr ^{ías}	You would be worth
usted, él, ella	valdr ^{ía}	You (formal) / he, she would be worth
nosotros nosotras	valdr ^{íamos}	We would be worth
vosotros vosotras	valdr ^{íais}	You (plural -Spain) would fit /They would be worth
ustedes, ellos, ellas	valdr ^{ían}	You (plural - L. America) would fit /They would be worth

Subject	ven ^{ir}	to come
yo	vendr ^{ía}	I would come
tú	vendr ^{ías}	You would come
usted, él, ella	vendr ^{ía}	You (formal) / he, she would come
nosotros nosotras	vendr ^{íamos}	We would come
vosotros vosotras	vendr ^{íais}	You (plural -Spain) would fit /They would come
ustedes, ellos, ellas	vendr ^{ían}	You (plural - L. America) would fit /They would come