

The Conditional

Languages

Would, could, should — and the si clause rules.

The three si patterns, each with a fixed pairing.

Si clause	Main clause	Meaning
si + présent	futur	If it rains, I will stay
si + imparfait	conditionnel	If it rained, I would stay
si + plus-que-parfait	conditionnel passé	If it had rained, I would have stayed

Never put a conditional after si. Si j'aurais is one of the most recognised errors in French.