

Using “Mixed Time” in Conditionals:

It is possible to mix time into conditionals: you may see one clause in the present and the other in the past.

Example:

True: I was stuck in the rain on my way to class. I am wet now.

Conditional: If I had not been stuck in the rain on my way to class, I would not be wet now.

True: I am not an organized person. I could not find Michel’s paper before class.

Conditional: I could have found Michel’s paper before class if I were an organized person.

Combine these sentences:

True: I do not have my driver’s license. I could not drive my friends to the mall.

Conditional:

True: I was not born in Ambato. I do not know that city very well.

Conditional:

True: I do not like the girl in my morning class. I did not ask her out this morning.

Conditional:

True: I do not like sand. I did not go to the beach with my family.

Conditional:

True: I was crying before I came to class. I have red eyes right now.

Conditional:

True: Deby was not in class yesterday. She does not have the information about both body and concluding paragraphs.

True: The 76ers are not a good basketball team. They did not beat the Atlanta Hawks yesterday.