Worksheet: Azar: Understanding and Using English Grammar, Chart 20-1

Conditional Sentences

I. Factual Conditional Sentences

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Additional elements used in these sentences:
1. modals in one or both clauses
2. not in one or both clauses
3. progressive forms may be used in all the conditions

Examples:
1. If you have enough money, you can buy one.
2. If you don't have enough money, you can't buy one.
3. If I am enjoying myself, I don't mind where I go.

II. Unreal Conditional Sentences

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Additional Information:

1. In present unreal, the verb “to be” becomes “were” for all subjects.
2. Could or might may be used in the result clause. However, the meaning changes. Would expresses a definite intention, whereas could expresses a possibility or an ability and might expresses a possibility.
3. Progressive forms can be used in both clauses.
4. Present unreal conditions can also be used to express a future condition; however, unlike the factual future conditions, these mean that it is improbable the condition will take place.
5. In contrary to fact conditions, positive means negative and negative means positive.

Examples:

1. If Jane were my boss, she would treat me better.
2a. If Jane were my boss, she could treat me better.
2b. If Jane were our boss, we might be able to do that.
3a. If I were going with you, I would be happier.
3b. If I were with you, we would all be having fun.
4. If you were going with us on the trip, we could have a great time.
5. If you were not singing, we would be so happy!!!