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A. Révision: Le conditionnel p. 314

The CONDITIONAL is used to express what WOULD HAPPEN, what people WOULD DO in certain circumstances.

Review the formation of the conditional:

FUTURE STEM + IMPERFECT ENDINGS

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INFINITIVE	parler	ENDINGS
FUTURE	je parlerai	
CONDITIONAL	je parlerais	-ais
	tu parlerais	-ais
	il/elle/on parlerait	-ait
	nous parlerions	-ions
	vous parleriez	-iez
	ils/elles parleraient	-aient

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Verbs with irregular stems:

payer	je paierais	devoir	je devrais
acheter	j' achèterais	pouvoir	je pourrais
		vouloir	je voudrais
appeler	j' appellerais		
être	je serais		
avoir	j' aurais	envoyer	j' enverrais
aller	j' irais	recevoir	je recevrais
faire	je ferais	savoir	je saurais
venir	je viendrais	voir	je verrais

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Note the use of the conditional in the following sentences.

Si j'**avais** une voiture,
j'**irais** à la campagne.

*If I had a car (but I don't),
I **would** go to the country.*

Si nous habitons à Paris,
nous **voyagerions** en métro.

*If we were living in Paris (but we aren't),
we **would** travel by subway.*

The **CONDITIONAL** is used to express what **WOULD HAPPEN**,
if certain conditions contrary to reality were met.

In such sentences, the construction is usually:

si-clause: IMPERFECT	result clause: CONDITIONAL
Si je gagnais à la loterie,	j'achèterais une moto.

➔ In French, the conditional is never used in the si-clause.

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POLITE REQUESTS

The conditional of verbs such as **vouloir**, **pouvoir**, **devoir** is used instead of the present to express a WISH or REQUEST in a MORE POLITE manner. Compare:

Je veux regarder tes photos.
Je voudrais regarder tes photos.

I want to look at your pictures.
I would like to look at your pictures.

Peux-tu me prêter ton vélo?
Pourrais-tu me prêter ton vélo?

Can you loan me your bike?
Could you loan me your bike?

Vous devez être à l'heure.
Vous devriez être à l'heure.

You must be on time.
You should be on time.

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INDIRECT SPEECH

The conditional is used to report what people mentioned IN THE PAST about a FUTURE EVENT. It describes what they said they WOULD DO or what WOULD HAPPEN later. Compare the use of tenses in the following sentences:

Maintenant, Éric **dit**
qu'il **ira** au ciné.

*Now Eric says
that he will go to the movies.*

Hier, il **a dit**
qu'il **irait** au concert.

*Yesterday he said
that he would go to the concert.*

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After a declarative verb (such as **dire** or **écrire**), future events are expressed

DECLARATIVE VERB	FUTURE EVENT
present	future
past (imperfect, passé composé, pluperfect)	conditional