

## Note

1. As is evident from the above conditionals, the *if clause* of the *conditional construct* will *never* have a *would / will*. So, the following sentence would be incorrect:

*If Michelle would have worked hard, she would have scored well.*

In this conditional construct, the *if clause* (*If Michelle would have worked hard*) has a *would*. As discussed, the *if clause* of the *conditional construct* will *never* have a *would / will*. The correct sentence is:

*If Michelle had worked hard, she would have scored well.*

- The unfulfilled hypothesis

Similarly, following would be incorrect:

*If the local team would win the match, it will enter the finals.*

In this conditional construct, the *if clause* (*If the local team would win the match*) has a *would*. As discussed, the *if clause* of the *conditional construct* will *never* have a *would / will*. The correct sentence is:

*If the local team wins the match, it will enter the finals.*

- The open conditional

Let's look at examples based on official sources.

A sentence based on official question (*While some academicians believe...*):

*While some child psychologists believe that infants should be made to sleep separately from parents, others are of the view that the bonding of infants with parents will develop only if infants would sleep with the parents.*

**Analysis:** This sentence uses a conditional construct, whose *if clause* (*if infants would sleep with the parents*) has a *would*. As discussed, the *if clause* of the *conditional construct* will *never* have a *would / will*. So, the correct sentence is:

*While some child psychologists believe that infants should be made to sleep separately from parents, others are of the view that the bonding of infants with parents will develop only if infants sleep with the parents.*

Another sentence based on official question (*The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries...*):

*According to the truce agreement, the hostilities between the two warring nations will cease next month, only if the troops of the invading country were to retreat behind the International line of control.*

**Analysis:** An *open conditional* representing a *future event* (*hostilities will cease next month*) is used in the non-underlined portion. Hence, *if clause* should be in *simple present*. So, the correct sentence is:

*According to the truce agreement, the hostilities between the two warring nations will cease next month, only if the troops of the invading country retreat behind the International line of control.*