

PRACTICAL GRAMMAR

EXPRESSING CONDITIONS (CONTINUED)

Look at this sentence.

PHOEBE: **If I had** more time, I **would** go to the movies with you.

Phoebe is not going to the movies because she doesn't have the time. Having enough time is the condition necessary for her to go to the movies. Phoebe doesn't think she will get the time, but if she got the time, then she would go.

We can divide the above sentence into two parts.

- The first part begins with **if** and the verb is in the past.
- The second part uses **would**.

Look at the sentence again.

_____ **If I had** more time, _____
_____ *IF + PAST* _____

_____ **I would** go . . . _____
_____ *WOULD* _____



IF + PAST → **WOULD**