Arabic B2, lesson 2: conditional sentences

إِنْ
if (possible)

إِذا
if, when (likely)

لَوْ
if (unreal)

لَوْلا
were it not for

جَوابُ الشَّرْطِ
main clause

اِجْتَهَدَ
he worked hard

مَرَض
illness

غَد
tomorrow

أَكْثَر
more

شَرْط

condition

أَحْمَد: إِنْ تَدْرُسْ تَنْجَحْ.

سَلْمى: لَوْ دَرَسْتُ أَكْثَرَ لَنَجَحْتُ.

أَحْمَد: إِذا جاءَ الغَدُ فَاجْتَهِدْ.

سَلْمى: لَوْلا مَرَضي لَذَهَبْتُ إِلى الاِمْتِحانِ.

▶ **Show the translation**

A conditional sentence has two parts: **فِعْل الشَّرْط** (the condition) and **جَواب الشَّرْط** (the result).

- **إِنْ** (possible condition): two verbs in the **jussive** (إِنْ تَدْرُسْ تَنْجَحْ) or two past verbs with a future sense (إِنْ دَرَسْتَ نَجَحْتَ).
- **إِذا** (likely condition): usually two past verbs: إِذا جاءَ الصَّيْفُ سافَرْنا.

- لَوْ (unreal condition): two past verbs; the result takes لَ: لَوْ دَرَسْتَ لَنَجَحْتَ.
- لَوْلا (“were it not for”): nominative noun + result with لَ: لَوْلا المَطَرُ لَخَرَجْنا.

Add فَ before the result when it is a command, a negation, a nominal sentence or starts with سَـ: إِنْ جِئْتَ فَاجْلِسْ; إِنْ تَدْرُسْ فَسَتَنْجَحُ.

The four particles

Particle	Meaning	Example
إِنْ	possible condition	إِنْ تَدْرُسْ تَنْجَحْ
إِذا	likely condition	إِذا جاءَ الصَّيْفُ سافَرْنا
لَوْ	unreal condition	لَوْ دَرَسْتَ لَنَجَحْتَ
لَوْلا	were it not for	لَوْلا المَطَرُ لَخَرَجْنا

Put the words in order.

If you study, you will pass.

تَنْجَحْ | إِنْ | تَدْرُسْ

Had I studied more, I would have passed.

أَكْثَرَ | لَوْ | دَرَسْتُ | لَنَجَحْتُ

Were it not for the rain, we would have gone out.

لَوْلا | خَرَجْنا | المَطَرُ

Check | Start again

Write four sentences: one with إِنْ, one with إِذا, one with لَوْ, one with لَوْلا, about your plans or regrets.

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