Advanced Course- Lesson 7 Summary

When do we use the conditional tense?

A. To refer to hypothetical events depending on a certain condition.

If I had money, → **The condition**

I **would** travel. → What would happen if the condition was met.

= the conditional

B. To be polite.

I want a coffee. ⟹ I **would** like a coffee.

C. To express a wish

I **would** like to learn French.

D. To give advice.

You **should** do more exercise.

E. To express the future in the past

He told us that he **would** arrive on Monday.

Forming the conditional

Stem of **the simple future** (infinitive)

→ dans**er**
→ fin**ir**
→ vendr~~e~~

Irregular stems

Infinitive	Stem	
avoir *(to have)*	aur-	[ohr]
être *(to be)*	ser-	[suhr]
faire *(to do)*	fer-	[fuhr]
aller *(to go)*	ir-	[eer]
devoir *(to have to)*	devr-	[duhvr]
pouvoir *(to be able to)*	pourr-	[poor]
vouloir *(to want to)*	voudr-	[voodr]
voir *(to see)*	verr-	[vehr]
savoir *(to know)*	saur-	[sohr]
envoyer *(to send)*	enverr-	[ãvehr]
venir *(to come)*	viendr-	[vič̃dr]

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Endings of the **imperfect tense**

Je	**-ais**	[eh]
Tu	**-ais**	[eh]
Il/elle/on	**-ait**	[eh]
Nous	**-ions**	[eeõ]
Vous	**-iez**	[ee☺]
Ils/elles	**-aient**	[eh]

Pronunciation tip

For the future tense and the conditional, remember **the sound [r]**

Future: Je mange**r**ai, tu au**r**as, il fe**r**a…
Conditional: Je chante**r**ais, tu au**r**ais, il fe**r**ait…