



1st semester

Topic 39: Conditionals



CONDITIONALS

if ...

ZERO

FIRST

SECOND

THIRD

There are 4 main types of *if sentences* in English, often called conditional sentences.

- These sentences are in two halves (clauses):
- the **if** part (if clause)
- the other part where you can use words such as **can, will, may, might, could and would** (main clause)


ZERO CONDITIONAL

If clause

Main clause

If + Present simple

Present simple

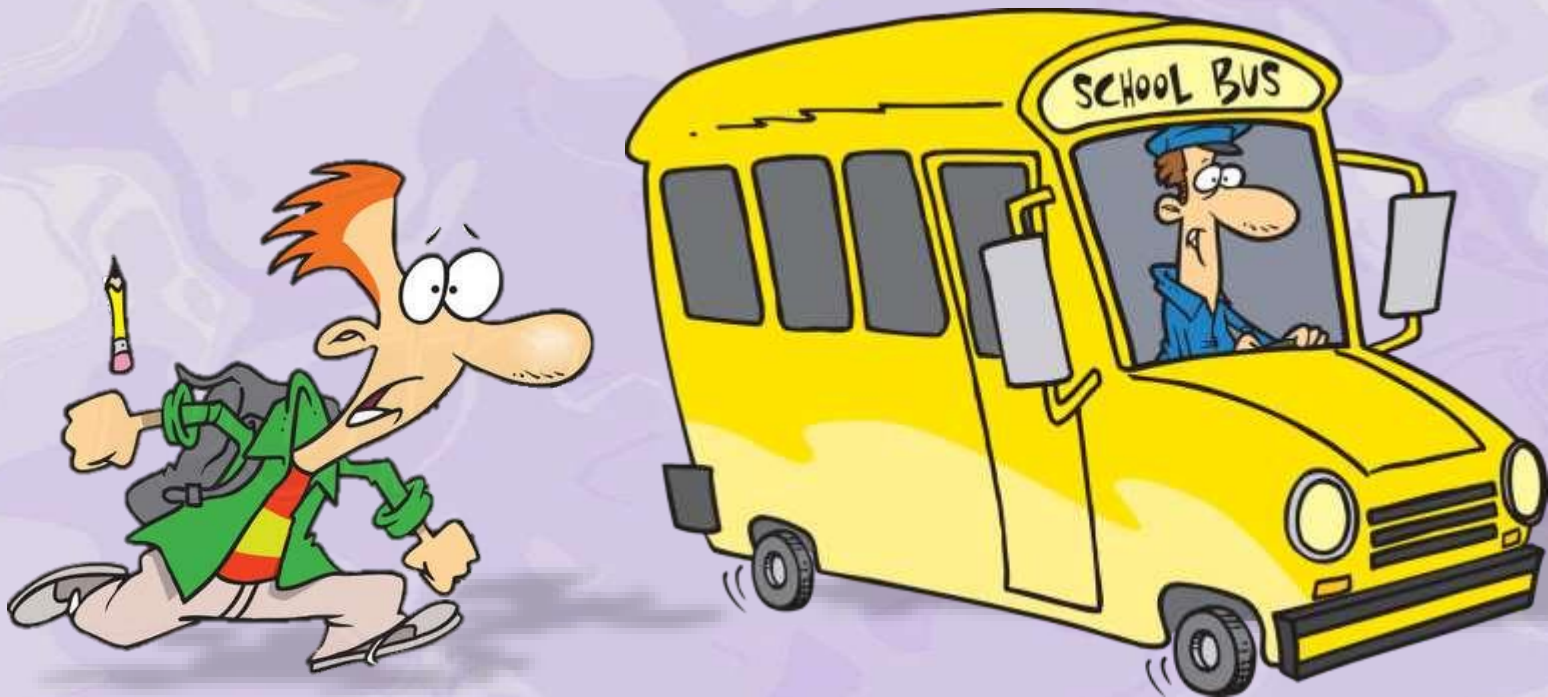
A cartoon illustration of a female teacher with brown hair in a ponytail, wearing a teal shirt and a purple skirt. She has a long, thin nose and is pointing towards the text box.

If I am late for school,
my teacher **gets angry.**

If I oversleep ...



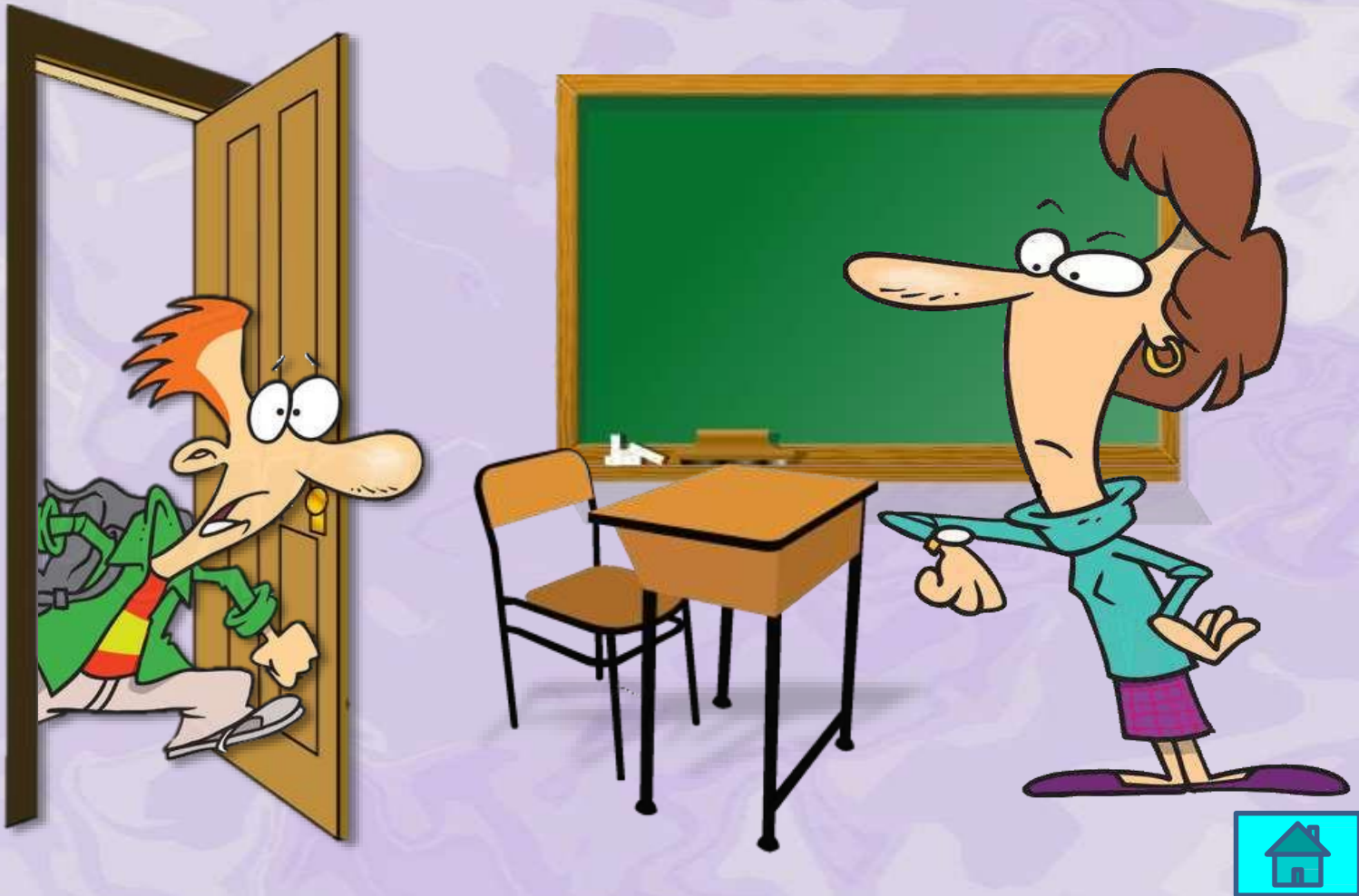
I miss the bus.



If I miss the bus, I am late for school.



If I am late for school, my teacher gets angry.





FIRST CONDITIONAL

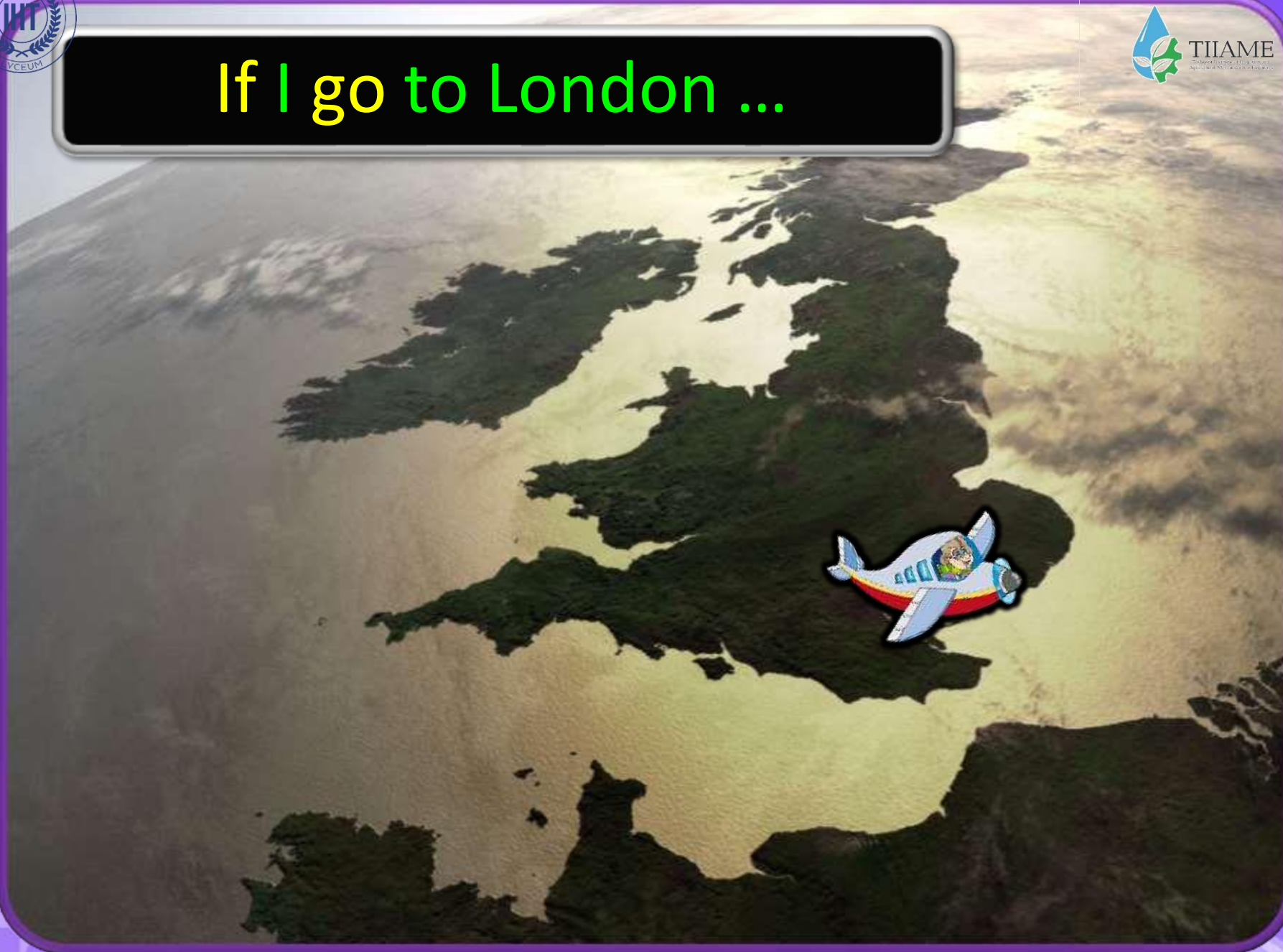


If clause	Main clause
If + Present tense	will / can / may / must + verb

**If I go to London,
I will see the Big Ben.**



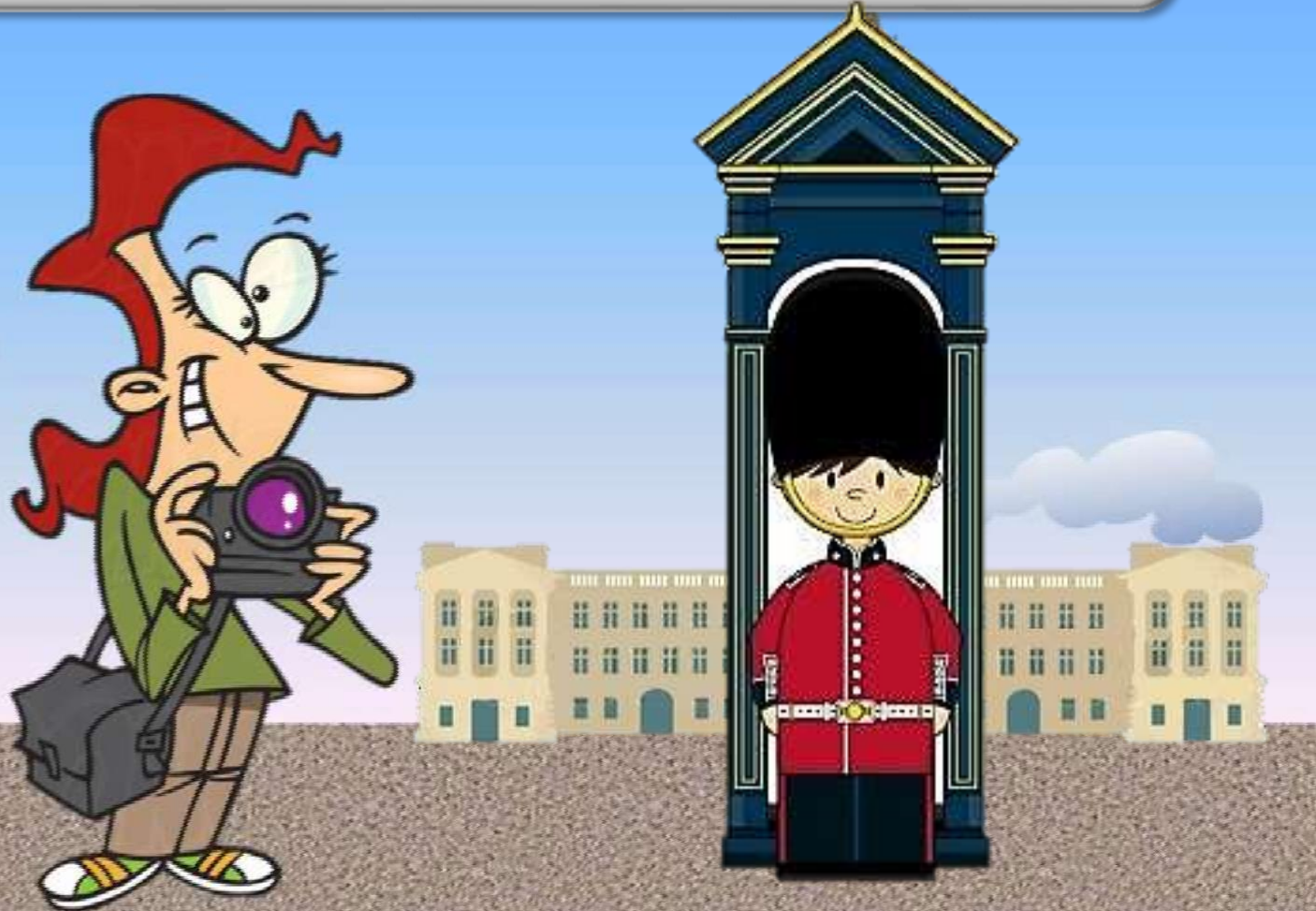
If I go to London ...



I will see the Big Ben.

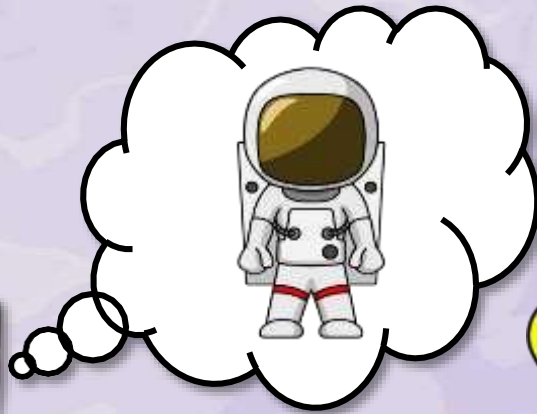


If I **go** to Buckingham Palace,
I can **take** a photo of the Royal Guard.



If you **go** to London,
you **must look** right before crossing a street





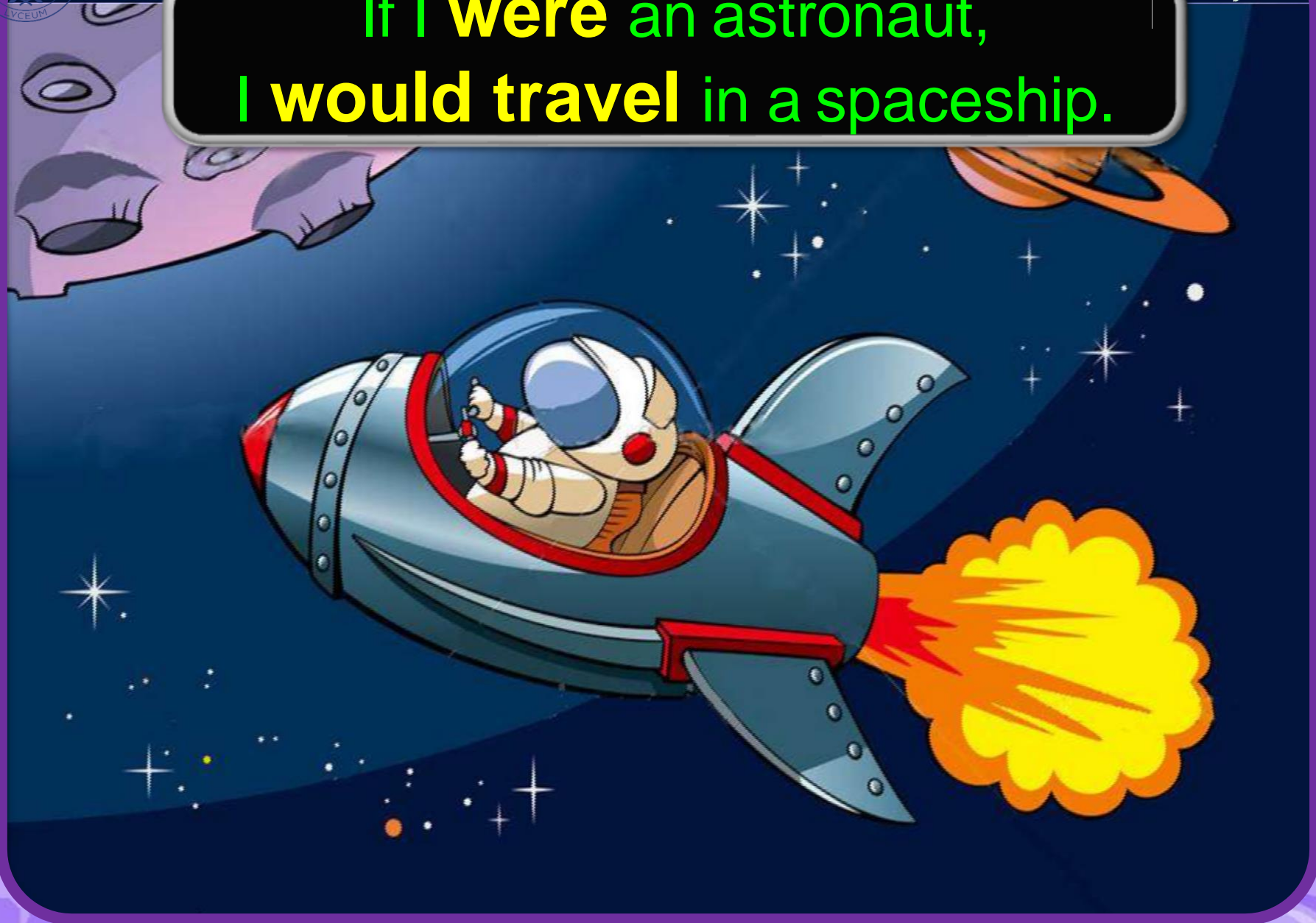
SECOND CONDITIONAL



If clause	Main clause
If + Past Simple	would / could / might + verb

If I were an astronaut,
I would travel in a spaceship.

**If I were an astronaut,
I would travel in a spaceship.**



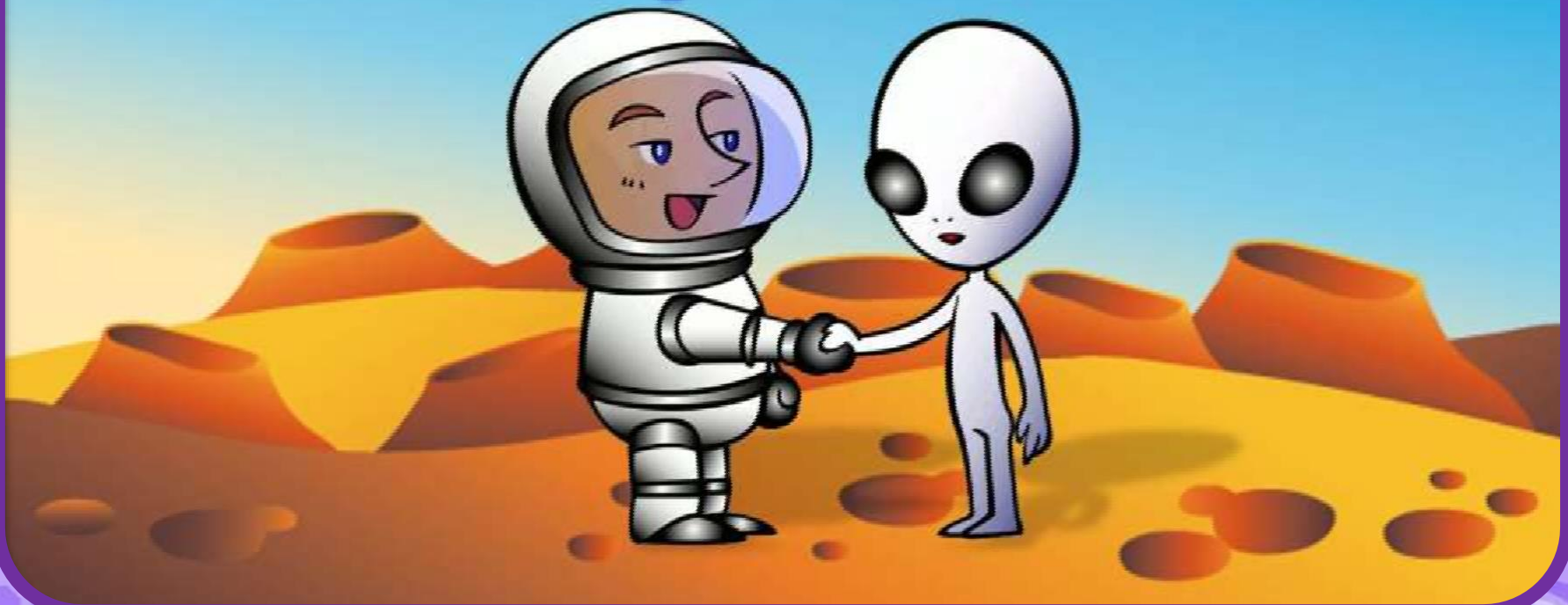


If I travelled in a spaceship,
I would go to Mars.

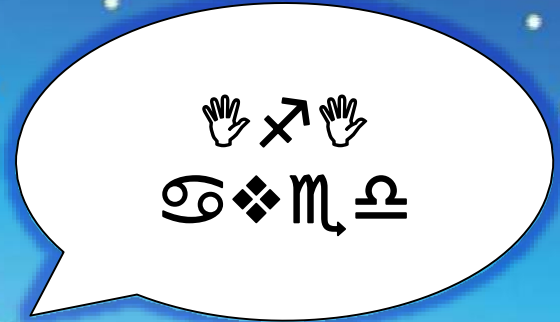


**If I went to Mars,
I would meet a Martian.**

**Nice to
meet you!**



If I met a Martian,
I wouldn't understand him.





**If I didn't understand him,
I would come back to the Earth.**





THIRD CONDITIONAL



If clause	Main clause
If + Past Perfect tense	would/could/might + have + past participle

**If I had studied hard,
I would have passed my exams.**

If you **had passed** your exam,
you **could have gone** to the beach.



If I **had gone** to the beach, I **would have made** sand castles.

