Conditionals

Here is a chart to help you to visualize the basic English conditionals. Do not take the 50% and 10% figures too literally. They are just to help you.

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<td>If you heat ice, it melts.</td>
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<td>first conditional</td>
<td>If it rains, I will stay at home.</td>
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<td>10%</td>
<td>second conditional</td>
<td>If I won the lottery, I would buy a car.</td>
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<td>If I had won the lottery, I would have bought a car.</td>
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Conditionals Quiz

1 What would you do if it .......................on your wedding day?
   a) rains
   b) rained

2 If she comes I .................................................call you.
   a) will
   b) would

3 If I eat peanut butter I ..........................................................sick.
   a) will get
   b) would get

4 What will you do if you .............................................the history exam?
   a) failed
   b) fail

5 If they had not .............................................the car I would have driven you.
a) took
b) taken

6 If it snows ........................................you still drive to the coast?
   a) would
   b) will

7 He would have ............................ with you if you had asked him.
   a) went
   b) gone

8 If I won a million dollars I ............................ buy my own airplane.
   a) will
   b) would

9 If I forget her birthday Andrea .............................. upset.
   a) gets
   b) got

10 Jacob will pick you up at school if it............................
    a) rained
    b) rains

Answers
1b, 2a, 3a, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8b, 9a, 10b