

Making *if* statements (in Diplomacy)

1st Conditional

The 1st conditional is used for real and possible situations in the future. It describes something that is likely to happen if a certain condition is met.

Structure:

- [If + present simple,] [will + base verb]

Example Sentences:

1. If Italy **attacks** Trieste, they **will capture** the city.
2. Turkey **will gain** control of Bulgaria, if they **move** their army there.
3. If Russia **supports** an attack on Turkey from Sevastopol, they **will weaken** Turkey's defenses.

2nd Conditional

The 2nd conditional is used for hypothetical or unlikely situations. It describes what would happen if a certain condition, which is not real or unlikely, were true.

Structure:

- [If + past simple,] [would + base verb]

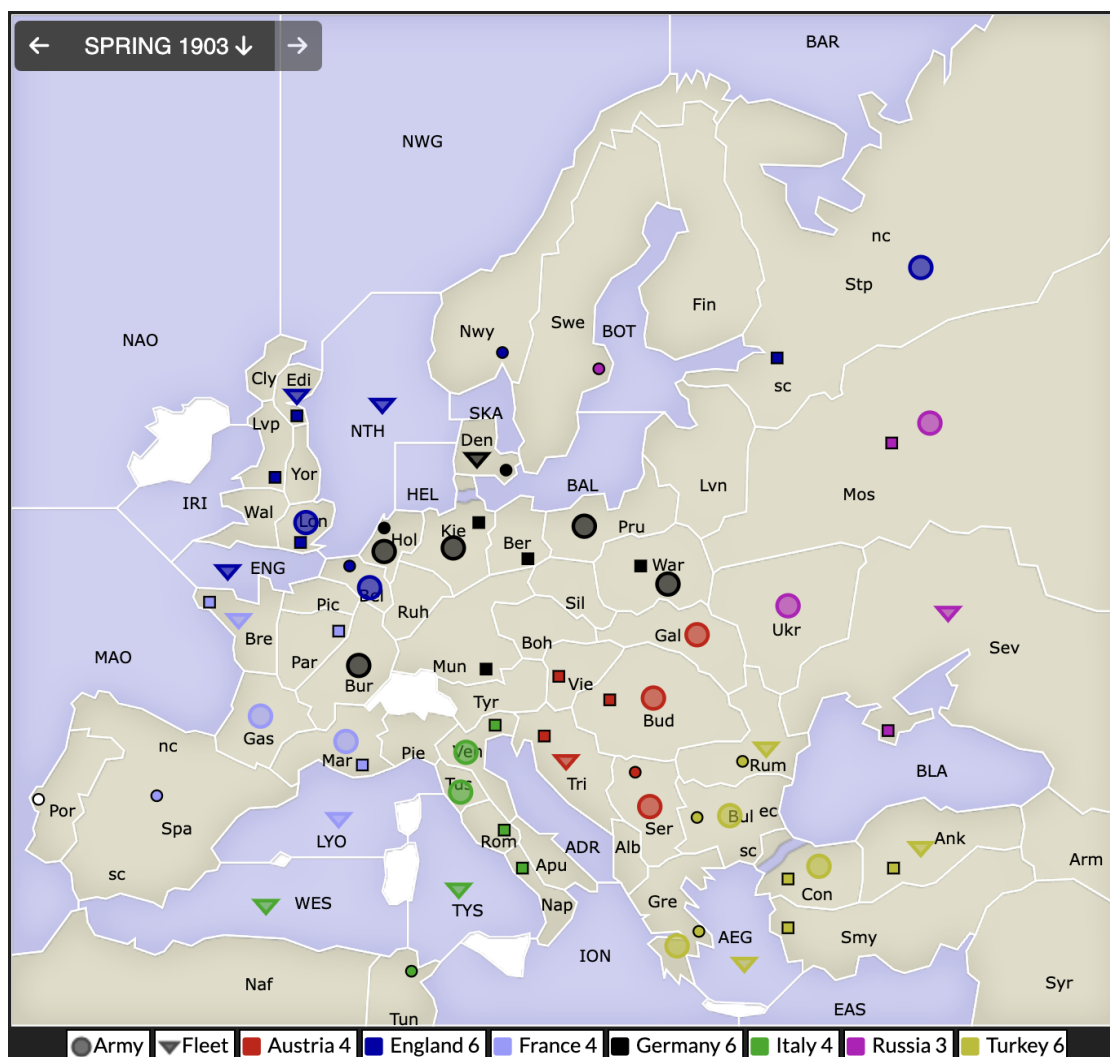
Example Sentences:

1. If Germany **controlled** Sweden, they **would have** a stronger northern front.
2. Austria **would be** in a better position if they **had** more alliances.
3. If England **had** more armies in France, they **would be able** to defend better.

By using the 1st and 2nd conditionals, you can discuss potential and hypothetical scenarios on the gameboard and better plan your strategies.



If statements based on our map



QUIZ -- 1st Conditional (Real and possible situations)

1. If Germany _____ (attack) France from Bur, they _____ (capture) Par.
2. England _____ (move) their fleet to the NWG if they _____ (want) to control Norway (Nwy).
3. If Austria _____ (defend) Tripoli (Tri), Italy _____ (not be able) to advance east.
4. Turkey _____ (gain) control of Serbia (Ser) if Bul _____ (support) Gre there.
5. If Russia _____ (support) an attack on Germany from Warsaw, they _____ (weaken) Germany's position.

QUIZ -- 2nd Conditional (Hypothetical or unlikely situations)

1. If England _____ (have) more fleets, they _____ (dominate) the North Sea.
2. Austria _____ (secure) more territories if they _____ (form) an alliance with Italy.
3. If France _____ (not leave) Spain open, they _____ (be) in a stronger position now.
4. If England _____ (is not) in St Petersburg (Stp), they _____ (feel) safer.
5. If Turkey _____ (support) Austria's defence, they both _____ (benefit).

NEXT: Make your own!