CONDITIONAL SENTENCES

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- **First Conditionals** are used when there is a possibility that the situation in the *if*-clause is true in the present or will happen in the future.
  - *If* you are hungry, I'll make you something to eat. (Are you hungry?)
  - *If* it rains, I'll stay at home. (Will it rain?)
  - *If* you see Maria, give her a message for me.
  - *If* we have enough time, we **won't** go for a walk.
  - *If* you'd like to come, I'll get a ticket for you.
  - *You can* stay providing that you **don't** make a noise.
  - *If** you should see Maria, I'll tell her.

- We can also use "**should**" when we are less sure:
  - *If* I **should** see Maria, I'll tell her.

### Type 2 Linkers

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- **Second Conditionals** refer to hypothetical present or future situations.
  - *If* you had taken plenty of vitamin C, you **wouldn’t** have caught my cold.
  - *If* I had had the right tools, I **could have** repaired the car.
  - *Supposing* you won a lot of money, **what** would you do?

### Type 0 Linkers

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- **Zero Conditionals** refer to general truths:
  - *If* you mix yellow and blue, you **get** green.
  - *If* flowers don’t get any water, they **die**.
  - *If* he asks me, I always help him.

### Note

- When the result of a past action is still noticeable, the main clause will have "**would + infinitive**":
  - *If* he hadn’t worked hard, he **wouldn’t** be rich. (**He is rich because he worked hard.**)
- **What if...?** = What will happen/ would happen/ would have happened if...? **What if they don’t pay us?** (**What will happen if they don’t pay us?**)
- We sometimes use other words to join two ideas instead of an *if*-clause:
  - **and** = Stay in bed for a few days and you’ll be fine.
  - **or** (=otherwise): Don’t try to lift that box or (else) you’ll hurt yourself.
**otherwise** = "if this doesn’t happen/ didn’t happen/ hadn’t happened"

They’ll pay us; otherwise we’ll kill the boy.
(=If they don’t pay us, we’ll kill the boy.)

Her father pays the rent; otherwise she wouldn’t be here.
(=If her father didn’t pay the rent, she wouldn’t be here.)

We were able to climb the tree; otherwise we would have hidden behind the tree. (=If we hadn’t been able to climb the tree, we would have hidden behind the tree.)

**in case** + verb (Sp. por si…)

You should insure your house in case there’s a fire.
I packed a swimsuit in case I had/ should have time to go to the beach.
We rang the bell again in case they hadn’t heard the first time.

[note: in case of + noun: In case of fire, ring the alarm bell.]

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1 **Conditional Sentences: Type 1. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tenses.**

1 Unless he (sell)…………………………… more he won’t get much commission.
2 If I lend you £10, when (you repay)…………………………… me?
3 Unless you are more careful you (have)…………………………… an accident.

2 **Put the verbs into the correct form: will/ won’t or the present simple.**

1 I’m sure you (enjoy)…………………………… the film if you (see)…………………………… it.
2 If we (leave)…………………………… now, we (not be)…………………………… late.
3 If we (miss)…………………………… the bus, we (take)…………………………… a taxi.
4 What (she do)…………………………… if she (fail)…………………………… the exam?
5 If you (need)…………………………… any help, (you tell)…………………………… me?
6 If Simon (not apologize)…………………………… to me, I (not speak)…………………………… to him any more.

3 **Complete the sentences using the following words: have finished, can lend, are feeling, may go.**

1 If you need any more money I ……………………………… you some.
2 You can go now if you ……………………………… .
3 If the weather is fine tomorrow, we ……………………………… for a picnic.
4 Go to bed now if you ……………………………… tired.

4 **Rephrase the sentences using unless.**

1 If you don’t wear your coat, you’ll be cold.
2 We’ll play tennis tomorrow if it doesn’t rain.
3 He won’t receive the letter tomorrow if you don’t post it before 1 o’clock today.
4 If I don’t get a pay rise at work, I’ll start looking for another job.
5 I won’t lend you the car if you don’t promise to drive carefully.
6 Your cough won’t be better if you don’t stop smoking.

5 **Conditional Sentences: Type 2. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tenses.**

1 I wouldn’t drink that if I (be)…………………………………… you.
2 If I were sent to prison (you visit)…………………………………… me?
3 If you (not belong)…………………………………… to a union you couldn’t get a job.
4 He might get fat if he (stop)…………………………………… smoking.
5 I’d climb over the wall if there (not be)…………………………………… so much broken glass on top of it.

6 **Conditional Sentences: Mixed types. Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verbs in brackets.**

1 My father would have died if the doctors (not operate)……………………………………………… on him straight away.
2 Don’t worry. If you (miss)……………………………………………… the last bus, I’ll give you a lift in my car.
3 My friend (get)……………………………………………… better marks at school if she did more homework.
4 If she doesn’t have much time, she normally (have)……………………………………………… a sandwich for lunch.
5 I (wear)……………………………………………… some warm clothes today, if I were you. It’s quite cold outside.
6 You (not have)……………………………………………… the accident if you’d been more careful.

7 If you (wait)……………………………………………… for a few minutes, I’ll come into town with you.

8 I would have told you if I (know)……………………………………………… ….

9 I (speak)……………………………………………… to my boss about my holidays today if I get the chance.

10 If he (make)……………………………………………… a promise, he always keeps it.

11 I’d go to the cinema more often if it (not be)……………………………………………… so expensive.

12 If you eat all those cakes, you (make)……………………………………………… yourself sick.

13 If you (ask)……………………………………………… me, I would have helped you.

7 Conditional Sentences: Mixed types. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tenses.

1 If you (go)……………………………………………… away, you (write)……………………………………………… to me, won’t you?

2 Unless house plants (water)……………………………………………… regularly, they (die)……………………………………………… quite quickly.

3 What noisy neighbours you’ve got! If mine (be)……………………………………………… as bad as yours, I (go)……………………………………………… crazy!

4 You’re late again! If you (be)……………………………………………… late again tomorrow, your pay (stop)………………………………………………!

5 The passengers at the front of the plane were all killed, but Alice, who was sitting at the back, survived. If she (be)……………………………………………… nearer the front, she (die)……………………………………………… .

6 I often eat meat, but I (not like)……………………………………………… it if it (undercook)……………………………………………….

7 Eat your soup. If you (not hurry)……………………………………………… up, it (get)……………………………………………… cold.

8 There are mice in your kitchen. If you (have)……………………………………………… a cat, the mice (disappear)……………………………………………… immediately.

9 We’re penniless because our holiday cost so much. You should have listened to me. If we (go)……………………………………………… where I wanted to go, it (be)……………………………………………… a lot cheaper. And we (have)……………………………………………… some money in the bank now.

10 She was badly hurt when the car in which she was a passenger hit another car. If she (wear)……………………………………………… her seat belt, she (not hurt)……………………………………………… so badly.

11 Give me that message for Peter. If I (see)……………………………………………… him this afternoon, I (give)……………………………………………… it to him.

12 Mmm! This meal’s delicious! If I (can)……………………………………………… cook as well as this, I (open)……………………………………………… a restaurant.

13 My wife and I met on a cruise. I was on it because I was recovering from an illness, and she was the ship’s doctor. Just think! If I (not be)……………………………………………… ill, and if she (not be)……………………………………………… the doctor, we (not meet)………………………………………………, we (not get)……………………………………………… married, and our children (not be)……………………………………………… born! What a thought!

14 If I (be)……………………………………………… you, I (talk)……………………………………………… to a doctor before going on a diet.

15 If you (try)……………………………………………… the grilled chicken, I think you (like)……………………………………………… it, but you insisted on steak, as usual.

16 If you (go out)……………………………………………… with us last night, it (cheer you up)……………………………………………… a bit.

8 Rewrite the sentences in a different way without changing the meaning.

1 You didn’t tell me we had run out of bread, so I didn’t buy any.

If you ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

2 We only came by bus because there were no taxis.

If there ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

3 I didn’t know the ice was thin, so I was walking on it quite confidently.

If I’d ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

4 He smokes too much. That’s why he can’t get rid of his cough.

If he smoked ……………………………………………………………………………………………

5 The shops don’t deliver now, which makes life difficult.

If the ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

6 You work too fast; that’s why you make so many mistakes.

If you ………………………………………………………………………………………………………
I used the dictionary. Otherwise, I wouldn't have known the answers.
If I didn't understand the joke, so I didn't laugh.

I'm very stubborn. I can't admit I was wrong.
I could provide you with the information you need.

I couldn't visit my grandparents because I didn't have time.
If you feel bad because you didn't apologise to her last night.

You must eat only fresh fruit and vegetables in that country. Otherwise, you may get food poisoning.
Providing you don't start at once, you'll be late.

He is well-known because he has starred in successful films.
If you feel bad because you didn't apologise to her last night.

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He wrote the message in code in order to avoid being discovered.
If you feel bad because you didn't apologise to her last night.

We could control pollution by making strict laws.
If you feel bad because you didn't apologise to her last night.

My friend advised me to sell it.
My friend said, "If you don't start at once, you'll be late."

9 Rewrite the sentences in a different way without changing the meaning.
1 I don't want to leave my present job. I can't find another one.
Unless you don't understand the joke, so I didn't laugh.

2 In case of fire, press the alarm.
If you feel bad because you didn't apologise to her last night.

3 I haven't got a map so I can't lend you one.
If you feel bad because you didn't apologise to her last night.

4 She was late for school because she wasn't in time for the 8.20 bus.
If you feel bad because you didn't apologise to her last night.

5 If you don't start at once, you'll be late.
Unless you don't understand the joke, so I didn't laugh.

6 I didn't understand the joke, so I didn't laugh.
If you feel bad because you didn't apologise to her last night.

7 You can't be truly happy unless you learn to laugh at things.
If you feel bad because you didn't apologise to her last night.

8 If you don't pay your phone bill, you'll be cut off.
Unless you don't understand the joke, so I didn't laugh.

9 In your place, I'd go straight to a hospital.
If I didn't understand the joke, so I didn't laugh.

10 If you want my advice, don't carry too much cash around!
If I didn't understand the joke, so I didn't laugh.

11 In my opinion, you should go and see that film.
If I didn't understand the joke, so I didn't laugh.

12 My advice is: take the train.
If I didn't understand the joke, so I didn't laugh.

10 Rewrite the sentences in a different way without changing the meaning.
1 Go to Britain and you'll be able to speak English all day long.
If you feel bad because you didn't apologise to her last night.

2 You won't find any accommodation if you don't book it in advance.
Unless you don't understand the joke, so I didn't laugh.

3 I didn't enjoy my holiday there and so I'm not going back.
If you feel bad because you didn't apologise to her last night.

4 I couldn't get in touch because you didn't tell me where you were.
If you feel bad because you didn't apologise to her last night.

5 Why don't you come on holiday with us - you'll enjoy it.
If you feel bad because you didn't apologise to her last night.

6 She didn't write, so he forgot her.
If you feel bad because you didn't apologise to her last night.

7 If he gets 60 per cent of the answers correct he'll get a certificate.
Unless you don't understand the joke, so I didn't laugh.

8 He doesn't like his job, so he isn't happy.
If you feel bad because you didn't apologise to her last night.

9 We must go or we'll be late.
If you feel bad because you didn't apologise to her last night.

10 He'll miss the train if he doesn't hurry.
Unless you don't understand the joke, so I didn't laugh.

11 She doesn't do her homework, so she doesn't get good marks.
If you feel bad because you didn't apologise to her last night.

12 They didn't follow the map, so they got lost.
If you feel bad because you didn't apologise to her last night.