

CONDITIONAL SENTENCES

type 1	linker	if-clause	main clause
	If Unless (=if... not) providing (that) (=as long as)	present simple present contin. present perfect <i>would like</i> (=want)	will (shall) + infinitive modal verbs: can, could, may, might, must, have to, should... imperative
First Conditionals are used when there is a possibility that the situation in the <i>if</i>-clause is true in the present or will happen in the future. <i>If you are hungry, I'll make you something to eat.</i> (Are you hungry?) <i>If it rains, I'll stay at home.</i> (Will it rain?) <i>If you see Maria, give her a message for me.</i> <i>If we have enough time, we can/ may/ must... write.</i> <i>If you want to lose weight, you should eat less.</i> <i>If you're working now, I'll come back later.</i> <i>Unless it has stopped raining, I won't go for a walk.</i> <i>If you'd like to come, I'll get a ticket for you.</i> <i>You can stay providing that you don't make a noise.</i> We can also use "should" when we are less sure: <i>If I should see Maria, I'll tell her.</i>			

type 2	linker	if-clause	main clause
	If providing (that) Supposing	past simple past continuous	would (should) + infinitive could (=would be able to) might (=would perhaps)
Second Conditionals refer to hypothetical present or future situations. <i>If I had a lot of money, I'd travel around the world.</i> (But I haven't got any.) <i>If I were you, I'd apply for the job.</i> (giving advice) <i>If I had the right tools, I could repair the car.</i> (=..., I would be able to repair...) <i>If I won a lot of money, I might stop working.</i> (=..., I would perhaps stop...) <i>Supposing you won a lot of money, what would you do?</i>			

type 3	linker	if-clause	main clause
	If Supposing	past perfect simple & contin.	would have + p. participle could have (=would have been able) might have (=would perhaps have)
Third Conditionals refer to a situation in past time which cannot be changed. <i>If you had taken plenty of vitamin C, you wouldn't have caught my cold.</i> <i>If I had had the right tools, I could have repaired the car.</i> (=..., I would have been able to repair the car.) <i>If I had won a lot of money, I might have stopped working.</i> (=..., I would perhaps have stopped working.)			

type 0	linker	if-clause	main clause
	If (=whenever)	present simple	present simple
Zero Conditionals refer to general truths: <i>If you mix yellow and blue, you get green.</i> (=Whenever you mix yellow and blue, you get green.) <i>If flowers don't get any water, they die.</i> <i>If he asks me, I always help him.</i>			

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.*
(=If you stay in bed for a few days, you'll be fine.)
 - **or (+else)** (=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.*]

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

- 7 I used the dictionary. Otherwise, I wouldn't have known the answers.
If I
- 8 I'm very stubborn. I can't admit I was wrong.
I could
- 9 I couldn't visit my grandparents because I didn't have time.
If
- 10 You must eat only fresh fruit and vegetables in that country. Otherwise, you may get food poisoning.
Providing
- 11 He is well-known because he has starred in successful films.
If
- 12 You feel bad because you didn't apologise to her last night.
If you
- 13 He wrote the message in code in order to avoid being discovered.
If
- 14 We could control pollution by making strict laws.
If
- 15 My friend advised me to sell it.
My friend said, "If"

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
- 2 In case of fire, press the alarm.
If
- 3 I haven't got a map so I can't lend you one.
If I
- 4 She was late for school because she wasn't in time for the 8.20 bus.
If she
- 5 If you don't start at once, you'll be late.
Unless
- 6 I didn't understand the joke, so I didn't laugh.
If
- 7 You can't be truly happy unless you learn to laugh at things.
If

- 8 If you don't pay your phone bill, you'll be cut off.
Unless
- 9 In your place, I'd go straight to a hospital.
If I
- 10 If you want my advice, don't carry too much cash around!
If I
- 11 In my opinion, you should go and see that film.
If I
- 12 My advice is: take the train.
If I

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
- 2 You won't find any accommodation if you don't book it in advance.
Unless
- 3 I didn't enjoy my holiday there and so I'm not going back.
If
- 4 I couldn't get in touch because you didn't tell me where you were.
If
- 5 Why don't you come on holiday with us - you'll enjoy it.
If
- 6 She didn't write, so he forgot her.
If
- 7 If he gets 60 per cent of the answers correct he'll get a certificate.
Unless
- 8 He doesn't like his job, so he isn't happy.
If
- 9 We must go or we'll be late.
If
- 10 He'll miss the train if he doesn't hurry.
Unless
- 11 She doesn't do her homework, so she doesn't get good marks.
If
- 12 They didn't follow the map, so they got lost.
If