

Conditional Sentences

Write the verbs in brackets into the gaps in **Conditional I**. Use the **will-future** in the main clause.

Example: If I _____ (to go) to the cinema, I _____ (to watch) an interesting film.

Answer: If I **go** to the cinema, I **will watch** an interesting film.

1. If I _____ (to study), I _____ (to pass) the exams.
2. We _____ (not/to swim) if the weather _____ (to be) bad.
3. If he _____ (to have) a temperature, he _____ (to see) the doctor.
4. I _____ (to be) very happy if my friends _____ (to come).
5. If I _____ (to earn) a lot of money, I _____ (to fly) to New York.
6. If we _____ (not/to come) home in time, we _____ (to miss) the film.
7. The teacher _____ (not/to be) happy if I _____ (to forget) my homework again.
8. If our class _____ (to go) to England, I _____ (to visit) the Tower of London.

Write the verbs in brackets into the gaps in **Conditional II**.

Example: If I _____ (to go) to the cinema, I _____ (to watch) an interesting film.

Answer: If I **went** to the cinema, I **would watch** an interesting film.

1. If they _____ (to have) enough money, they _____ (to buy) a new car.
2. If he _____ (to be) my friend, I _____ (to invite) him.
3. The Smiths _____ (to go) on holiday if they _____ (to have) time.
4. If Susan _____ (to study) harder, she _____ (to be) better at school.
5. We _____ (to call) the police if we _____ (to see) a burglar.
6. If the pupils _____ (to have) no school, they _____ (to play) football.
7. If I _____ (to come) home early, my father _____ (not/to be) angry.
8. If I _____ (to be) you, I _____ (not/to go) to the party.

Write the verbs in brackets into the gaps in **Conditional III**.

Example: If I _____ (to go) to the cinema, I _____ (to watch) an interesting film.

Answer: If I **had gone** to the cinema, I **would have watched** an interesting film.

1. If the weather _____ (to be) nice, we _____ (to play) football.
2. The car _____ (not/to break down) if you _____ (to check) it.
3. If we _____ (to go) to McDonald's we _____ (to have) more to eat.
4. You _____ (to understand) the film if you _____ (to read) the book.
5. The water in the pool _____ (to be) warmer if the sun _____ (to shine).
6. If John _____ (to learn) more words, he _____ (to write) a good report.
7. My parents _____ (to buy) the house if the man _____ (not/to sell) it to someone else.
8. If the police _____ (not/to stop) me, I _____ (to reach) you in time.

Write the verbs in brackets in their correct forms into the gaps.

Example: If I went to the cinema, I _____ (to watch) an interesting film.

Answer: If I went to the cinema, I **would watch** an interesting film.

1. If they _____ (to have) enough money, they would buy a new car.
2. If it rains, I _____ (not/to play) football.
3. I _____ (to phone) you if I hadn't seen you today.
4. We would pass the exam if we _____ (to study) harder.
5. I _____ (to go) to the party if you come with me.
6. If they _____ (to buy) the cat, their children would have been happy.
7. You'll catch a cold if you _____ (not/to wear) a pullover.
8. If I _____ (to see) the film, I wouldn't have bought the video.

Write the verbs in brackets in their correct forms into the gaps.

Example: If I went to the cinema, I _____ (to watch) an interesting film.

Answer: If I went to the cinema, I **would watch** an interesting film.

1. If you _____ (to wait) a minute, I'll come with you.
2. If I went anywhere, it _____ (to be) Australia.
3. We _____ (to watch) TV tonight if Peter hadn't bought the theatre tickets.
4. Would you go out more often if you _____ (not/to have) to do so much in the house?
5. If he hadn't missed the train, he _____ (to arrive) here in time.
6. I will miss the school bus if I _____ (not/to get up) early.
7. We could have helped John if we _____ (to know) about his problems.
8. If we _____ (to cycle) to Dresden, it will be a fantastic trip.

Find the correct conditions (type of if-clauses).

1. If it rains, I'll wear a raincoat.
type I (probable condition)
type II (improbable condition)
type III (impossible condition)
2. If we had taken enough water, we wouldn't have been thirsty.
type I (probable condition)
type II (improbable condition)
type III (impossible condition)
3. If Rose were older, she would go to the party.
type I (probable condition)
type II (improbable condition)
type III (impossible condition)
4. Harry might fly to Helsinki if he had more money.
type I (probable condition)
type II (improbable condition)
type III (impossible condition)

5. If Mark does the washing up, his mother will have more time for him.
type I (probable condition)
type II (improbable condition)
type III (impossible condition)
6. What would you do if you saw a burglar?
type I (probable condition)
type II (improbable condition)
type III (impossible condition)
7. We might have had a glass of hot chocolate if you had bought some milk.
type I (probable condition)
type II (improbable condition)
type III (impossible condition)
8. If I were you I should keep the secret.
type I (probable condition)
type II (improbable condition)
type III (impossible condition)
9. Ron would understand more if the teacher spoke clearly.
type I (probable condition)
type II (improbable condition)
type III (impossible condition)
10. If Doris had got up earlier, she wouldn't have been late for school.
type I (probable condition)
type II (improbable condition)
type III (impossible condition)

Find the correct conditions (type of if-clauses).

1. If it wasn't so late, I would go shopping.
type I (probable condition)
type II (improbable condition)
type III (impossible condition)
2. Henry would have phoned his mother if he hadn't written the text message.
type I (probable condition)
type II (improbable condition)
type III (impossible condition)
3. I would buy a Ferrari if I had a lot of money.
type I (probable condition)
type II (improbable condition)
type III (impossible condition)

4. If we had known of your arrival, we would have been at the airport.
 type I (probable condition)
 type II (improbable condition)
 type III (impossible condition)
5. I could have helped you if you had told me the truth.
 type I (probable condition)
 type II (improbable condition)
 type III (impossible condition)
6. If you were driving from Budapest to Munich which way would you go?
 type I (probable condition)
 type II (improbable condition)
 type III (impossible condition)
7. We ought to have arrived at lunchtime if we hadn't taken the M25.
 type I (probable condition)
 type II (improbable condition)
 type III (impossible condition)
8. If the weather had been better, the plane might not have crashed.
 type I (probable condition)
 type II (improbable condition)
 type III (impossible condition)
9. We can visit the museum if we have time.
 type I (probable condition)
 type II (improbable condition)
 type III (impossible condition)
10. If Andy had played in the team, they might have won the match.
 type I (probable condition)
 type II (improbable condition)
 type III (impossible condition)

Exercise “The Cat and the Mouse” – Part 1

Complete the conditional sentences (type I, II and III)

1. Once upon a time the cat bit the mouse's tail off. “Give me back my tail,” said the mouse. And the cat said, “Well, I (give) _____ you back your tail if you fetched me some milk. But that's impossible to do for a little mouse like you.”
2. The mouse, however, went to the cow. “The cat (give / only) _____ me back my tail if I fetch her some milk.”
3. And the cow said, “Well, I would give you milk if you (get) _____ me some hay. But that's impossible to do for a little mouse like you.”

4. The mouse, however, went to the farmer. "The cat will only give me back my tail if the cow (give) _____ me some milk. And the cow (only / give) _____ me milk if I get her some hay."
5. And the farmer said, "Well, I would give you hay if you (bring) _____ me some meat. But that's impossible to do for a little mouse like you."
6. The mouse, however, went to the butcher. "The cat will only give me back my tail if the cow (give) _____ me milk. And the cow will only give me milk if she (get) _____ some hay. And the farmer (only / give) _____ me hay if I get him some meat."
7. And the butcher said, "Well, I would give you meat if you (make) _____ the baker bake me a bread. But that's impossible to do for a little mouse like you."

Exercise "The Cat and the Mouse" – Part 2

1. The mouse, however, went to the baker. "The cat (give / only) _____ me back my tail if I fetch her some milk. And the cow (give / not) _____ me milk if I don't get her hay. And the farmer will only give me hay if the butcher (have) _____ some meat for him. And the butcher will not give me meat if you (bake / not) _____ him a bread."
2. And the baker said, "Well, I (give) _____ you bread if you promise never to steal my corn or meal."
3. The mouse promised not to steal, and so the baker gave the mouse bread, the mouse gave the butcher bread. The butcher gave the mouse meat, the mouse gave the farmer meat. The farmer gave the mouse hay, the mouse gave the cow hay. The cow gave the mouse milk, the mouse gave the cat milk. And the cat gave the mouse her tail back.
4. But imagine what would have happened otherwise:
5. If the mouse (promised / not) _____ never to steal corn or meal, the baker (not/give) _____ the mouse bread.
6. If the baker (not / give) _____ the mouse bread, the butcher (refuse) _____ to give her meat for the farmer.
7. If the butcher (refuse) _____ her any meat, the farmer (not / be) _____ willing to give the mouse hay.
8. If the farmer (not / be) _____ willing to give the mouse hay, the mouse (not / receive) _____ milk from the cow.
9. If the mouse (not / receive) _____ milk from the cow, she (not / get) _____ back her tail.

Conditionals for intentions and rules

Click on the correct answer.

1 If I lose my job now I ...

would start a business of my own.

will take a long holiday and apply for a new job later.

2 If he calls me 'lazy' again I ...

won't ever help him again if he's in trouble.
go and tell his parents.

3 Philippa won't ever speak to me again if ...

I let her down now.
I would let her down now.

4 If the demand increases prices ...

rise.
will rise.

5 Our dog Gelert will start licking you if ...

you pat him on the back.
you will give it a cuddle.

6 Don't be offended. If Jane is annoyed she ...

will start yelling at people.
starts yelling at people.

7 If Jeremy doesn't answer the phone this time I ...

won't call again.
don't call again.

Conditional type 2 for suppositions

6 sentences, click on the correct answer.

1 If farmers in developing countries were given a decent price for their produce ...

they would be able to build a better future for their family, community and country.
they will be able to build a better future for their family, community and country.

2 If Belgium won the European Soccer Championship in the year 2000 ...

the world will be amazed.
the world would be amazed.

3 Consumers would be much better off if ...

accurate product information would be printed on the packaging.
accurate product information were printed on the packaging.

4 The children would be in a much better shape if they ...

would take my bike to go to school.
took my bike to go to school.

5 If I had a lot of money I ...

bought myself a flashy MGf.
would buy myself a flashy MGf.

6 Helen would be very upset if ...

she knows about John's past.
she would know about John's past.
she knew about John's past.

Conditional type 3 to comment on past events

1 If only I had known about your difficult situation I

would help you.
will help you.
would have helped you.

2 We wouldn't have gone bankrupt if ...

we had conducted better market research.
we conducted better market research.
we would have conducted better market research.

3 If you hadn't given your approval ...

this had never happened.
this would never have happened.
this would never happen.

4 Geraldine would never have left Jim if ...

he were more reasonable and understanding.
he had been more reasonable and understanding.

5 France would never have won the world cup if ...

the final stage were played in Brazil.
the final stage had been played in Brazil.

6 If we had had a better marketing strategy we ...

would easily have conquered the German market.
had easily conquered the German market.
will easily conquer the German market.

Conditional sentences: mixed exercise

1 If people were a little more tolerant ...

our world would have been a better place.
our world would be a better place.
our world will be a better place.

2 If my father had locked his car properly ...

his car would never have been stolen.
his car will not be stolen.
his car would not be stolen.

3 If the ozone layer peels off a little more we ...

we ran a much higher risk of attracting skin cancer.

would run a much higher risk of attracting skin cancer.
will run a much higher risk of attracting skin cancer.

4 I would never feel comfortable on a plane if ...

I know it's the pilot's maiden trip.
I knew it's the pilot's maiden trip.
I would know that it's the pilot's maiden trip.

5 A dog will never bite you if ...

you will look it straight in the eyes, I'm told.
you look it straight in the eyes, I'm told.
you looked it straight in the eyes, I'm told.

6 The first thing I will do is drive to Spain if ...

I would get my driving licence.
I got my driving licence.
I get my driving licence.

7 If John hadn't responded in such an aggressive manner he ...

would never have a black eye.
won't have a black eye.
would never have had a black eye.