

CONDITIONALS – VARIATIONS

1. Rewrite the sentences substituting for the words in italics a verb form as in above

If *by any chance you die* before retiring age, your widow will receive your pension for a period of 7 years after your death.

If you *should die* before retiring your age, your widow will receive your pension for a period 7 years after your death.

I'll cook the meal if you *are prepared to do* wash up.

I'll cook the meal if you *'ll do* the washing up

1. If *by any chance your car needs any attention* during the first time twelve months, take it to an authorized dealer.

2. If *by any chance I am a little late* coming home, don't wait up for me.

3. If the baby *wakes up (though I doubt he will)*, give him some warm milk.

4. If *by some unlucky chance the talks break down*, there could be serious international crisis.

5. If *by some remote chance he dares to show his face again*, I'll shall give him a piece of my mind!

6. If *he is willing to accept* the nomination, a lot of electors will vote for him.

7. If you *are prepared to take the trouble to read his letter carefully*, you will see what he means.

8. If you *are agreeable to wait* a few more minutes, the doctor will see you without your making an appointment.

9. If *my father is willing to give me permission*, I shall spend a few months abroad.

10. What will you do if *he refuses to give you permission*?

Type 1: alternative forms

A *Set your alarms clock, and you won't oversleep.*

B *Set your alarm clock, or (else) you'll oversleep.*

In the sentences, the imperative construction is equivalent to an 'if' clause. We can rewrite the sentences using if:

A *If you set your alarm clock, you won't oversleep.*

B *If you don't set your alarm clock, you'll oversleep.*

2. Rewrite the sentences beginning with the imperative form of the verbs in italics.

1. If you *give* him a little encouragement, he'll work really hard.

2. If you *take* a pill, you won't be seasick.

3. If you *don't remember* your wife's birthday, she'll be upset.

4. If you *send* her some roses, she'll forgive you.

5. If you *don't put* on some suntan oil, you'll get sunburnt

6. If you *don't tell* me the truth at once, I'll never trust you again.

7. If you just *say* you're sorry, we can forget the whole incident.

8. If you *'re not firm* with the children, they'll misbehave.

9. If you *lend* me a fiver, I'll pay you back tomorrow.

10. If you *don't practice* speaking English regularly, you'll never become really fluent.

Review of type 1 conditions.

3. Complete the sentences following one of patterns for conditionals of type 1.

1. We'll just manage to catch the train if...
2. If I see him again I ..
3. I will accept your explanation only if..
4. If my bank manager will lend me the money,...
5. What will happen...?
6. If you don't hear from me by next Friday...
7. If you work continues to improve,...
8.only if you will promise not to tell anyone else.
9. Look up the answer in the key only if...
10. What will he say if...?
11. If the worst should come to the worst,...
12. Give me time and...

Tentative suggestions and hypothetical conditions

4. Complete the sentences following one of patterns of type 2 conditionals. You should find that many of your sentences can be interpreted as 'tentative' suggestions.

1. If you explained the situation to your solicitor, he...
2. Perhaps he..., if you spoke to him yourself.
3. If you changed your job, you...
4. If you went to see a doctor, he....
5. If we bought a house in the country, we....
6. I'm sure he would take the job on if....
7. If you took the shoes back to the shop, they....
8. If you read the book a second time, you....
9. If we all pooled our resources, we...

Situations

5. Answer the questions with conditional statements of type 2

1. What cities or places of interest would you visit if you went to America?
2. What would you do (or not to do) if you could live your life over again?
3. What would you say or do if someone called you a fool?
4. If the visitor came to your town, what places would you advise him to see?
5. what famous person would you like to meet if you had the chance?
6. which country would you choose if you decided to live abroad?
7. What changes would you make in your house, assuming you had lots of money?
8. What would you do if you saw a house on fire?
9. What would you do if you had something stolen?
10. Which books or gramophone records would you take with you if you went to live on desert island?

Unreal conditions(present time)

6. Write sentences based on the given facts .

We don't have any wood, so we can't light a fire.

If we had some wood, we could light a fire.

1. Since she doesn't love him, she won't marry him.
2. Our teacher explains things clearly, so we understand his lessons.
3. As I haven't a watch, I can't tell you the time.
4. Britain doesn't export enough, so she has a constant balance of payments problem.
5. Since I know the meaning of the word, I don't have to look it up.
6. This exercise is easy, so everyone will get the correct answers.
7. I know the answer so I can tell you.
8. We haven't any matches so we can't light the fire.

Type 2: variations

7. Review of type 2 conditions: Complete the sentences following one of the patterns for conditionals of type 2.

1. What If you were in my shoes?
2. If....., I wouldn't think of changing my job.
3. If my father were to say such a thing to me,.....?
4. How would you react if?
5. If only you would read more carefully,.....?
6. If you were to say in England just few months longer,.....?
7. Do you think i would be telling you this if.....?
8. I wouldn't buy the picture even if.....?
9. T might only add to our difficulties if.....?
10. Even if he knew the truth, what.....?
11. If only he would admit he was wrong,.....?
12. I'd much rather you.....?

Type 3

8. Type 3 unreal conditions (past time reference): Write sentences like a above, based on the given facts, e.g.

As you didn't explain your problem to me, I wasn't able to help you.

If you had explained your problem to me, I would have been able to help you.

1. He didn't give me his number, so I couldn't telephone him.
2. As the sun was in the right direction, the photographs came out very well.
3. The shop didn't pack the goods properly, so they got damaged.
4. He didn't remember what had been said because he wasn't paying attention.
5. He wasn't able to answer all the questions, so he didn't pass the examination.

9. Write sentences like above, basing your conditional clause on the given fact, and adding a suitable main clause, e.g.

She didn't take the medicine.

If she had taken the medicine, she would have felt much better.

1. He passed his examination.
2. We didn't get there on time.
3. She didn't read the book.
4. We understood what he was saying.
5. The rocket didn't go into orbit.

10. Complete the sentences following the one of patterns for conditionals of type 3

1. I would have enjoyed the party much more if...
2. It ... if the sea hadn't been so rough.
3. Would you have been able to come next Tuesday if..?
4. If you had taken my advice,...
5. If I realized that you were really serious in what I said,..
6. If it hadn't been for the fact that his father has influence,..
7. If he were to have told me the truth in the first place,..
8. Would you have lent him the money if ...?
9. What difference would it have made, even if..?
10. If the fire brigade had arrived but a quarter of an hour earlier..
11. I'm sure she wouldn't have married him if...
12. If....., we would have left without them.

Conditionals : general review

11. Rewrite the sentences making an inversion in the conditional clauses

1. If you should need to consult me again, you can contact me at this number.
2. The hospital can switch to an emergency generator if the need should arise.
3. If you should be late once again, you'll lose your job.
4. If it were not for the fact that his father is on the board of directors, he never have got the job.
5. If such a merger were ever to be proposed, it would undoubtedly be referred to the monopolies commission.
6. If it were not for the expense involved, I would go there by car.
7. If it hadn't been for your laziness, you could have finished the work by now.
8. If he had taken a little more time to think, he might have acted more sensibly.
9. If the driver of the train hadn't reacted so quickly, the accident would have been much worse.

12. Complete the sentences following any correct sequence of tenses

1. If only... you wouldn't now be such a difficult position
2. If ..., tell him I'm out
3. I can't understand why ... , unless he thinks we are all fools.
4. If you are succeed in your career,...

5. So long as..., swimming in this river is fairly safe.
6. If you were to explain the situation to him, I'm sure...
7. Is there any point in your coming with us if...?
8. How ..., if you didn't know my address?
9. Should Mr Smith ring up while I'm at lunch..
10. I can't possibly advise you properly unless...
11. If..., I shall blame you for it.
12. If you knew the answer, why..?
13. My neighbour said I could borrow his lawn-mover provided that...
14. If anything has occurred to make you change your mind, ...
15. When ..., supposing we left immediately?
16. Had it been anyone but you that spoke to me in such way,...
17. How I wish....
18. Make a note of the telephone number in case you....
19. If ...,you have only to say so.
20. If you really have been studying English for so long, it's about time you...

13. Finish each of the sentences in such a way that it means exactly the same as the one printed before it.

1. It's my opinion that you should take more exercise. If I
2. Without his wife's constant support he would never have achieved his ambition. If he....
3. But for his presence of mind there might have been a serious accident. If it...
4. Considering all the problems, it's a miracle we succeeded. If one....
5. Without proper lessons, you could pick up a lot of bad habits. If you....
6. It would be a waste of everyone's time to discuss the question any further. If ...we...
7. Given favourable weather all the yachts should have reached the half-way stage by the weekend. Provided that...
8. You won't get a loan without being able to offer some security. Youunless...
9. Follow the instructions carefully and you won't have any problems. As long as...
10. For us to have given up at that stage would have been an admission of total defeat. If we...