

Conditional clauses

3 Choose the correct item.

- If you **take/took** care of your diet, you'll live a healthier life.
- If I **went/would go** to bed earlier, I wouldn't have trouble getting up every morning.
- If he **will finish/finishes** work early, he may go to the theatre.
- You always get better seats if you **book/will book** your tickets in advance.
- If they had looked online, they **would find/would have found** a cheaper TV.
- If Emma lived closer, we **would hang out/will hang out** much more often.
- If you **hadn't tidied/haven't tidied** your bedroom, you can't meet your friend at the park.
- If you are feeling sick, you **should visit/will visit** the doctor.
- If Liam **travelled/had travelled** by bus, he would have arrived here after midnight.
- When you don't eat, you **would get/get** hungry.

4 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense to form conditionals.

- If you like Nicole Kidman, you *will love* (**love**) this film.
- If Paul had gone to the party, he (**see**) Lucy.
- We (**take**) a walk in the park if it wasn't so late.
- If your car isn't ready by Friday, I (**drive**) you to Brighton.
- We could help you if you (**tell**) us what the problem is.
- David wouldn't have made such a big mistake if he (**be**) more careful.
- If Joan (**not/have to**) work tonight, she could come to dinner.
- When it (**rain**), we use the indoor swimming pool.
- Dogs may bark at you if they (**not/know**) you.
- If they (**form**) a hockey team at our college, I'd try out for it.
- If they (**score**) one more goal, they'll win the game.
- Sam would have heard the announcement if he (**not/talk**) on his phone.

5 Rewrite the following as mixed conditional sentences.

- I don't like rock music, so I didn't go to the concert with Stuart.
If I liked rock music, I would have gone to the concert with Stuart.
- Sally is so clumsy that she broke her mum's vase.
- You didn't return the book to the library on time, so you have to pay a fine.
- Jim can't use a computer. He didn't get the job.
- She isn't at the seminar now because her colleagues didn't inform her.
- You didn't wake me up. Now I'm late for school.
- I don't know them very well, so I didn't go to the party.
- She forgot to go to the bank. Now she can't go shopping.
- She missed her flight. She won't arrive until tomorrow.
- He doesn't know her. That's why he didn't speak to her.

6 Rewrite the sentences using inversion, as in the example.

- If you should see Tim, please ask him to call me.
Should you see Tim, please ask him to call me.
- If you had told her the truth, she would have forgiven you.
Had
- If I were you, I would accept the invitation.
Were
- If Martin comes, tell him I'll be back soon.
Should
- If Tony had followed my advice, he wouldn't have got into trouble.
Had
- If Beverly were more organised, she wouldn't have lost an important document.
Were

7 Choose the correct item.

- 1 **Supposing/Providing** you won the lottery, how would you spend the money?
- 2 We can go sailing **in case/as long as** it doesn't rain.
- 3 Please try to get to the theatre on time, **otherwise/on condition that** we'll miss the beginning of the play.
- 4 **Provided/Even if** I had a car, I wouldn't lend it to Michael.
- 5 The doctor will see you **provided/unless** you have an appointment.
- 6 **But for/In case of** an emergency, call 999.
- 7 You can meet your friends at the park only **on condition that/in the event of** you come home before dinner.
- 8 Stop making so much noise **or/and** I'll call the police.

8 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use up to five words.

- 1 I can lend you the money but you must repay me. **LONG**
I can lend you the money *as long as you repay me*.
- 2 If you see Chris today, invite him to the party. **SHOULD**
Invite Chris to the party today.
- 3 I don't think you should go alone. **WERE**
If, I wouldn't go alone.
- 4 Unless he calls me, we won't meet for lunch. **DOES**
If, we won't meet for lunch.
- 5 I got home late. That's why I didn't call you. **WOULD**
If I hadn't got home late, I you.
- 6 If we leave early, we will be able to go shopping. **CONDITION**
We will be able to go shopping early.
- 7 She didn't wear a coat and was cold. **PUT**
If she a coat, she wouldn't have been cold.
- 8 If you don't take some aspirin now, your headache will get worse. **UNLESS**
Your headache will get worse now.

9 Continue the following sentences.

- 1 If Damian had arrived two minutes earlier, he would have met my sister.
- 2 If Ben exercised more,
- 3 I'll visit my brother in Thailand if
- 4 He wouldn't have twisted his wrist if
- 5 If Abby gets some time off work, she
- 6 Katy would apply for the job
- 7 You might have saved time
- 8 Leave the room

Speaking

Belinda Sharp is a young athlete. Read the text below and see how she became a top sportswoman. Then, in pairs, make sentences.

Belinda started sport when she was in primary school. Her father was a tennis coach and spotted his daughter's talent from an early age. She was a confident child as her parents supported her from the beginning. Belinda devoted all of her free time to training and won most junior tennis tournaments. She practises many hours a day. Therefore, she is very skilful and physically fit. She follows a strict diet which means that she maintains her level of fitness. Belinda is a hard worker and that's why she has beaten some highly experienced opponents. She is willing to carry on training hard in order to win an Olympic medal.

- A: *If her father hadn't been a tennis coach, he wouldn't have spotted the young girl's talent from an early age.*
- B: *She wouldn't have been a confident child if her parents hadn't supported her from the beginning.*

Writing

Imagine you're Belinda. Use the ideas from the Speaking activity and complete the blog.

Hi fellow bloggers!
The road to success has been a combination of hard work and luck. If my father hadn't been a tennis coach, he wouldn't have spotted my talent from an early age.
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