

# Conditionals in English

## Practice Worksheet

*Zero, First, Second, Third and Mixed Conditionals*

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Use this worksheet after studying the lesson on conditionals in English. It is suitable for B1+, B2 and C1 revision, including Cambridge exam preparation.

### Student Instructions

Complete the exercises in order. Some tasks have one correct answer, while others allow several possible answers. Pay special attention to the time reference: present, future or past.

### Mini Reference Table

Type	Meaning	Structure	Example
Zero	Facts and habits	If + present, present	If you heat ice, it melts.
First	Real future possibility	If + present, will + verb	If it rains, I will stay in.
Second	Imaginary present/future	If + past, would + verb	If I had time, I would travel.
Third	Imaginary past	If + past perfect, would have + past participle	If I had known, I would have helped.
Mixed	Different time references	If + past perfect, would + verb	If I had studied medicine, I would be a doctor now.

## Exercise 1: Identify the Conditional Type

Write zero, first, second, third or mixed next to each sentence.

- If you freeze water, it becomes ice. \_\_\_\_\_
- If I finish early, I will call you. \_\_\_\_\_
- If I had more confidence, I would speak more in meetings. \_\_\_\_\_
- If we had booked earlier, we would have got cheaper tickets. \_\_\_\_\_
- If I had learnt Spanish at school, I would be able to use it at work now. \_\_\_\_\_
- If they invite us, we will go. \_\_\_\_\_
- If my phone battery dies, I feel completely lost. \_\_\_\_\_
- If she lived closer, we would see each other more often. \_\_\_\_\_
- If he had listened carefully, he would not have misunderstood the instructions. \_\_\_\_\_
- If I were more patient, I would not have reacted so badly yesterday. \_\_\_\_\_
- If you do not revise, you will probably forget the details. \_\_\_\_\_
- If I were you, I would check the answer again. \_\_\_\_\_

## Exercise 2: Zero Conditional - Facts and Habits

Complete the sentences with the correct present simple form of the verbs in brackets.

1. If water reaches 100°C, it \_\_\_\_\_ (boil).
2. If people do not drink enough water, they \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) tired.
3. If you mix blue and yellow, it \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) green.
4. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (press) this button, the screen lights up.
5. If my cat hears the fridge door, she \_\_\_\_\_ (get) excited.
6. If students \_\_\_\_\_ (not drink) coffee late at night, they sleep better.
7. If winter \_\_\_\_\_ (come), the days get shorter.
8. If I am nervous, I \_\_\_\_\_ (make) small mistakes.
9. If learners \_\_\_\_\_ (practise) a little every day, they improve faster.
10. If the Wi-Fi \_\_\_\_\_ (not work), everyone complains.

## Exercise 3: First Conditional - Real Future Possibilities

Choose the correct option.

Sentence	A	B
1. If I see Ana, I ___ her your message.	tell	will tell
2. If it ___ tomorrow, we will cancel the picnic.	rains	will rain
3. If you do not hurry, you ___ the train.	will miss	miss
4. We will go out if the weather ___ nice.	will be	is
5. If she studies regularly, she ___ her exam.	will pass	passes
6. I ___ you if I need any help.	ask	will ask
7. If they arrive late, we ___ without them.	will start	start
8. You will feel better if you ___ some rest.	will get	get
9. If he forgets again, I ___ him a reminder.	will send	send
10. If you ___ carefully, you will understand the instructions.	will listen	listen

## Exercise 4: Second Conditional - Imaginary Situations

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) more free time, I \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) Italian.
2. If we \_\_\_\_\_ (live) near the sea, we \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) on the beach every morning.
3. If she \_\_\_\_\_ (be) more confident, she \_\_\_\_\_ (apply) for the job.
4. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (know) the answer, I \_\_\_\_\_ (explain) it to you.
5. If people \_\_\_\_\_ (not spend) so much time online, they \_\_\_\_\_ (save) a lot of time.
6. If he \_\_\_\_\_ (be) my teacher, I \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) to him after the lesson.
7. If you \_\_\_\_\_ (have) enough money, what \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (buy)?
8. If this course \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) so useful, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not enjoy) it so much.
9. If they \_\_\_\_\_ (understand) the problem, they \_\_\_\_\_ (answer) correctly.
10. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a bigger flat, I \_\_\_\_\_ (invite) more people for dinner.

## Exercise 5: Second Conditional - Make Your Own Sentences

Finish the sentences in a natural way. Try to write full B2-C1 sentences.

1. If I had a free afternoon, \_\_\_\_\_
2. If people used public transport more often, \_\_\_\_\_
3. If I were the manager of a company, \_\_\_\_\_
4. If I could speak five languages, \_\_\_\_\_
5. If my town had better cycle lanes, \_\_\_\_\_
6. If students read more in English, \_\_\_\_\_

## Exercise 6: Third Conditional - Regrets and Imaginary Past

Complete the sentences with the correct third conditional form.

1. If we \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) earlier, we \_\_\_\_\_ (not miss) the train.
2. If she \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) me the truth, I \_\_\_\_\_ (help) her.
3. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (not forget) your number, I \_\_\_\_\_ (call) you.
4. If he \_\_\_\_\_ (study) harder, he \_\_\_\_\_ (pass) the exam.
5. If they \_\_\_\_\_ (book) earlier, they \_\_\_\_\_ (get) cheaper flights.
6. If you \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to my advice, you \_\_\_\_\_ (not make) that mistake.
7. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (know) you were coming, I \_\_\_\_\_ (bring) some food.
8. If she \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a taxi, she \_\_\_\_\_ (not get) lost.
9. If we \_\_\_\_\_ (not spend) all our money, we \_\_\_\_\_ (have) enough for the tickets.
10. If they \_\_\_\_\_ (invite) us, we \_\_\_\_\_ (come) to the party.

## Exercise 7: Mixed Conditionals

*Rewrite each idea as one mixed conditional sentence.*

1. I went to bed late. I am tired now.

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2. She did not accept the job. She does not live in London now.

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3. I am not very organised. I missed the deadline yesterday.

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4. He did not study harder at university. He does not have a better job now.

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5. We do not know the city well. We got lost yesterday.

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6. They did not invest more money. The business is not very successful now.

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## Exercise 8: Alternatives to If

*Choose the best word or phrase: unless, in case, as long as, even if, provided that, suppose/supposing.*

1. You will not improve \_\_\_\_\_ you practise regularly.

2. Take your passport \_\_\_\_\_ they ask for identification.

3. You can borrow my laptop \_\_\_\_\_ you return it by Friday.

4. I will help you \_\_\_\_\_ I am very busy.

5. We can start the course next week \_\_\_\_\_ enough students register.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ you lost your phone, how would you contact your family?

7. I will not go to the meeting \_\_\_\_\_ it is absolutely necessary.

8. Write down the address \_\_\_\_\_ you forget it.

9. You may join the class \_\_\_\_\_ you do the homework.

10. She would not sell that house \_\_\_\_\_ someone offered her a lot of money.

11. The project will be approved \_\_\_\_\_ the budget is realistic.

12. \_\_\_\_\_ you had one year off work, what would you do?

## Exercise 9: Error Correction

Each sentence has one mistake. Rewrite the sentence correctly.

1. If I will see him, I will tell him.

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2. If I would have known, I would have helped you.

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3. If I had more time, I travel more.

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4. Unless you will study, you will not pass.

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5. If she is more careful, she would not make so many mistakes.

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6. Take an umbrella in case it will rain.

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7. If we left earlier yesterday, we would have arrived on time.

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8. If I was you, I will apologise.

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9. If you heat ice, it will melts.

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10. If they had not missed the bus, they will be here now.

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## Exercise 10: Cambridge-Style Sentence Transformations

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the word given. Do not change the word given.

1. Hurry up or you will miss the train. **IF**

If \_\_\_\_\_

2. I think you should speak to the manager. **WERE**

If \_\_\_\_\_

3. She did not go to work because she was ill. **HAVE**

If she \_\_\_\_\_

4. You will not improve without regular practice. **UNLESS**

You \_\_\_\_\_

5. He did not save more money, so he cannot buy a car now. **HAD**

If he \_\_\_\_\_

6. You can watch the film, but you must finish your homework first. **PROVIDED**

You \_\_\_\_\_

7. I did not know about the problem, so I did not call you. **KNOWN**

If I \_\_\_\_\_

8. People do not recycle enough, so there is too much waste. **WOULD**

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If people \_\_\_\_\_

9. They arrived late, so they did not get good seats. **HAD**

Had \_\_\_\_\_

10. I am not in your position, so I cannot accept the offer for you. **WERE**

Were \_\_\_\_\_

## Exercise 11: Personalised Practice

*Write your own conditional sentences. Try to use different types.*

1. Something that may happen tomorrow: If \_\_\_\_\_

2. An imaginary situation about your work or studies: If \_\_\_\_\_

3. A regret or different past choice: If \_\_\_\_\_

4. A dream or ambition: If \_\_\_\_\_

5. A mixed conditional about your life now: If \_\_\_\_\_

6. A conditional sentence about society or education: If \_\_\_\_\_

## Exercise 12: Guided Paragraph Writing

*Choose one topic. Write 120-150 words. Use at least four conditional structures, including one mixed conditional and one alternative to if.*

A. If people worked four days a week, would society benefit?

B. If you had chosen a different career path, how would your life be different now?

C. Unless schools change, will students be ready for the future?

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## Exercise 13: Speaking Practice

*Discuss these questions with a partner or answer them orally. Try to extend your answers with reasons and examples.*

1. If you could live in any country for one year, where would you live and why?
2. If you had studied something completely different, what might your life be like now?
3. What will happen if people continue to spend too much time online?
4. If you were responsible for education in your country, what would you change first?
5. What would you have done differently if you had known ten years ago what you know now?
6. Would you accept a very well-paid job even if you did not enjoy it?
7. What should people do in case they lose all their documents while travelling?
8. Supposing you could start your own business tomorrow, what would it be?

## Answer Key

For open questions, other grammatically correct answers are possible. Encourage students to explain their choices, especially in the mixed conditional and sentence transformation sections.

**Exercise 1:** 1 zero; 2 first; 3 second; 4 third; 5 mixed; 6 first; 7 zero; 8 second; 9 third; 10 mixed; 11 first; 12 second

**Exercise 2:** 1 boils; 2 feel; 3 turns; 4 press; 5 gets; 6 do not / don't drink; 7 comes; 8 make; 9 practise; 10 does not / doesn't work

**Exercise 3:** 1 B; 2 A; 3 A; 4 B; 5 A; 6 B; 7 A; 8 B; 9 A; 10 B

**Exercise 4:** 1 had, would learn; 2 lived, would walk; 3 were, would apply; 4 knew, would explain; 5 did not spend / didn't spend, would save; 6 were, would speak; 7 had, would buy; 8 were not / weren't, would enjoy; 9 understood, would answer; 10 had, would invite

**Exercise 5:** Suggested answers: 1 If I had a free afternoon, I would go for a long walk. 2 If people used public transport more often, cities would be cleaner. 3 If I were the manager, I would improve staff training. 4 If I could speak five languages, I would work abroad. 5 If my town had better cycle lanes, more people would cycle. 6 If students read more in English, their vocabulary would improve.

**Exercise 6:** 1 had left, would not have missed; 2 had told, would have helped; 3 had not forgotten, would have called; 4 had studied, would have passed; 5 had booked, would have got; 6 had listened, would not have made; 7 had known, would have brought; 8 had taken, would not have got; 9 had not spent, would have had; 10 had invited, would have come

**Exercise 7:** 1 If I had gone to bed earlier, I would not be so tired now. 2 If she had accepted the job, she would live in London now. 3 If I were more organised, I would not have missed the deadline. 4 If he had studied harder at university, he would have a better job now. 5 If we knew the city better, we would not have got lost yesterday. 6 If they had invested more money, the business would be more successful now.

**Exercise 8:** 1 unless; 2 in case; 3 as long as; 4 even if; 5 provided that; 6 supposing; 7 unless; 8 in case; 9 as long as; 10 even if; 11 provided that; 12 Suppose

**Exercise 9:** 1 If I see him, I will tell him. 2 If I had known, I would have helped you. 3 If I had more time, I would travel more. 4 Unless you study, you will not pass. 5 If she were/was more careful, she would not make so many mistakes. 6 Take an umbrella in case it rains. 7 If we had left earlier, we would have arrived on time. 8 If I were you, I would apologise. 9 If you heat ice, it melts. 10 If they had not missed the bus, they would be here now.

**Exercise 10:** 1 If you do not hurry, you will miss the train. 2 If I were you, I would speak to the manager. 3 If she had not been ill, she would have gone to work. 4 Unless you practise regularly, you will not improve. 5 If he had saved more money, he could buy a car now. 6 Provided that you finish your homework, you can watch the film. 7 If I had known about the problem, I would have called you. 8 If people recycled more, there would be less waste. 9 Had they arrived earlier, they would have got better seats. 10 Were I in your position, I would accept the offer.

**Exercise 11:** Suggested answers: 1 If I miss the bus, I will be late for work. 2 If I spoke English more confidently, I would apply for an international job. 3 If I had chosen a different subject at university, I might have become a journalist. 4 If I won a free holiday, I would travel around Italy. 5 If I had not met my best friend, my life would be very different now. 6 If governments invested more in education, society would benefit.

**Exercise 12:** 1 If I had revised more carefully, I would not have made so many mistakes. 2 If I had more confidence, I would speak more in class. 3 If I were you, I would write a short plan before starting the essay. 4 If he had checked the timetable, he would not have missed the train. 5 If students read widely, they improve their vocabulary. 6 If I had accepted that job, I would be living abroad now. 7 Unless you use clear examples, your argument will not be convincing. 8 If the government reduced public transport prices, fewer people would drive to work.

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## Suggested marking for the paragraph task

<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Needs work</b>
Grammar	Uses several conditionals accurately.	Tense choice is unclear or inaccurate.
Range	Includes alternatives such as unless, provided that, in case or even if.	Repeats only one basic structure.
Organisation	Ideas are clearly connected and easy to follow.	Ideas are disconnected or difficult to follow.
Vocabulary	Uses natural B2-C1 vocabulary.	Vocabulary is very limited or repetitive.