

# CONDITIONALS EXERCISES

## EXERCISE 1

Try and complete the following examples of the zero conditional. (Answers are at the bottom of the page.)

1. When you mix yellow and red, you get orange. **If you** \_\_\_\_\_
2. I am usually ill after eating seafood. **If I eat** \_\_\_\_\_
3. There may be situations where you're not sure what to do. When that happens, ask Judy. **Ask Judy if** \_\_\_\_\_
4. It is possible you will need money. I can lend you this. **If you** \_\_\_\_\_, **I can lend you some.**
5. I would like to talk to you now, but I can see you are busy. **We can talk later if** \_\_\_\_\_

## EXERCISE 2

Now you need to give out some instructions or advice! Match the *If* clause (1-12) with the imperative phrase (a-l).

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| 13. If you see John,                                     | a) don't come to me to complain.                                   |
| 14. If you go to the bank,                               | b) let me have it.   |
| 15. If you go to New Zealand,                            | c) inform me as I do not like that kind of behaviour in my office. |
| 16. If you go to the shop,                               | d) there's no extra pocket money for him.                          |
| 17. If Joanna comes,                                     | e) call the police.  |
| 18. If you drink,  | f) remember to bring some identification.                          |
| 19. If it all goes wrong for you,                        | g) buy me some bread.  |
| 20. If she shouts at you one more time,                  | h) don't drive.  |
| 21. If David doesn't do his share of cleaning the house, | i) send me a postcard.   |
| 22. If you don't want to read the magazine,              | j) tell him he needs to come to my office.                         |
| 23. If you are hungry,                                   | k) call me immediately as I need to tell her something.            |
| 24. If your car is stolen,                               | l) make yourself a sandwich.                                       |

## EXERCISE 3

Complete the sentences by choosing the best alternative.

1. If your homework isn't ready by tomorrow, you *lose/will lose* marks.
2. Unless you bring some identification, they *will allow/won't allow/allow* you inside the dance club.
3. I'm sure he will lose his job if he *doesn't keep/keeps/will keep* missing his bus.
4. As soon as you get here, we *start/will start/starts* work on the project.
5. Whether or not I'm late, I promise I *finish/will finish* the cleaning this afternoon.
6. I'll do some gardening outside if it *will/won't/does/doesn't* rain tomorrow.
7. It could be a disaster if we *don't/won't/will* complete the job by the end of this week.
8. It's so hot in this office. But it should be better *whether/as soon as/unless* the air conditioning is working again.

### EXERCISE 4

Read the situations below and then rewrite the sentence using the second conditional, using the right form of the verb in brackets.

All the answers are at the bottom of the page.

1. I want to call Jane, but I don't know her number.

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

2. I'm not you, but I wouldn't buy that coat.

If I were (or was) you, \_\_\_\_\_

3. He goes to bed too late. That's why he's always tired.

If he didn't \_\_\_\_\_

4. She doesn't have much time to cook dinner.

She could cook dinner \_\_\_\_\_

5. I have to work until late, so I can't meet you tomorrow.

I could \_\_\_\_\_ if I didn't \_\_\_\_\_

6. This tea is too sweet. It's got too much sugar.

If this tea \_\_\_\_\_

7. I can't invite Fred to my party. He usually gets drunk!

If I invited \_\_\_\_\_, he would \_\_\_\_\_

### Now no help!

8. I want to go outside, but it's raining.

9. I'm looking after my baby sister. That's why I can't go out tonight.

10. I can't play tennis because my arm hurts so much.

### EXERCISE 5

1. I didn't know you went to Paris so I did not go with you.

But if I had known you went to Paris, \_\_\_\_\_

2. I was driving, so I didn't drink any alcohol.

But if I had drunk \_\_\_\_\_ I wouldn't be able \_\_\_\_\_

3. I didn't take a bus because I didn't have enough money.

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

4. I forgot my mobile phone so I couldn't call you.

I could have \_\_\_\_\_

5. David lent me some money so I could buy myself a new tablet.

But I couldn't have \_\_\_\_\_

6. I couldn't take any photographs because I didn't bring my camera.

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

7. The weather wasn't very nice so we didn't go to the beach very often.

If the weather \_\_\_\_\_

### NOW NO CLUES!

8. I've painted my house red and it looks terrible.

9. I couldn't contact you because I didn't have SKYPE.

10. I didn't practise hard enough so I didn't become a professional footballer.

11. She didn't pay her bills, and now she hasn't got any electricity.

### EXERCISE 6

Try to match the if-clauses (1-18) with the main clauses (a-r). They have been split into three groups, so you only need to concentrate on 1-6 & a-f, 7-12 & g-l, and 13-18 & m-r. I am so kind.

In other words, match the two clauses together to make a (mixed) unreal conditional sentence.

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| 1. If I had bought that house ten years ago,         | a) I would have more opportunities to work abroad.              |
| 2. If Andy was delivering a presentation tomorrow,   | b) you would have passed the fitness test.                      |
| 3. If you exercised regularly,                       | c) I would be very excited.                                     |
| 4. If Fred were more positive,                       | d) I would be a millionaire now.                                |
| 5. If I had studied German,                          | e) the company would send him to London to talk to our clients. |
| 6. If I was (or were) going to Australia,            | f) he would be very nervous.                                    |
| 7) If I weren't going to Paris next week,            | g) he wouldn't need to rewrite the test.                        |
| 8) If Brian had accepted the job offer,              | h) I would have planned a trip to the seaside.                  |
| 9) If he had been more careful,                      | i) I would have gone to the party.                              |
| 10) If I didn't have to stay at work,                | j) he would have translated the letter.                         |
| 11) If Radek spoke French,                           | k) he would be working in Australia.                            |
| 12) If Fred and Ginger weren't coming this Saturday, | l) I would have cooked you dinner yesterday.                    |
| 13) If he had arranged the visit last week,          | m) I would have ordered a pizza.                                |
| 14) If she hadn't wasted so much time,               | n) she would go to Australia next week.                         |
| 15) If I were you,                                   | o) he would be here this afternoon.                             |
| 16) If Julie were happy,                             | p) everyone would be so disappointed.                           |
| 17) If Lily didn't order the tickets,                | q) I would be going to Australia next week.                     |
| 18) If she wasn't cooking dinner tonight,            | r) she would talk to you.                                       |

## ANSWERS TO EXERCISES

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2. I am usually ill after eating seafood. **If I eat seafood, I'm usually ill.**
3. There may be situations where you're not sure what to do. When that happens, ask Judy. **Ask Judy if you're not sure what to do.**
4. It is possible you will need money. I can lend you this. **If you need some money, I can lend you some.**
5. I would like to talk to you now, but I can see you are busy. **We can talk later if you're busy.**

### EXERCISE 2

- 1/j. If you see John, tell him he needs to come to my office.
- 2/f. If you go to the bank, remember to bring some identification.
- 3/i. If you go to New Zealand, send me a postcard.
- 4/g. If you go to the shop, buy me some bread.
- 5/k. If Joanna comes, call me immediately as I need to tell her something.
- 6/h. If you drink, don't drive.
- 7/a. If it all goes wrong for you, don't come to me to complain.
- 8/c. If she shouts at you one more time, inform me as I do not like that kind of behaviour in my office.
- 9/d. If David doesn't do his share of cleaning the house, there's no extra pocket money for him.
- 10/b. If you don't want to read the magazine, let me have it.
- 11/l. If you are hungry, make yourself a sandwich.
- 12/e. If your car is stolen, call the police.

### EXERCISE 3

1. If your homework isn't ready by tomorrow, you *will lose* marks.
2. Unless you bring some identification, they *won't allow* you inside the dance club.
3. I'm sure he will lose his job if he doesn't *keep* missing his bus.
4. As soon as you get here, we *will start* work on the project.
5. Whether or not I'm late, I promise I *will finish* the cleaning this afternoon.
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### EXERCISE 4

1. I want to call Jane, but I don't know her number. **If I knew her number, I would call Jane.**
2. I'm not you, but I wouldn't buy that coat. **If I were (or was) you, I wouldn't buy that coat.**
3. He goes to bed too late. That's why he's always tired. **If he didn't go to bed so late, he wouldn't be always tired.**
4. She doesn't have much time to cook dinner. **She could cook dinner if she had more time.**
5. I have to work until late, so I can't meet you tomorrow. **I could meet you tomorrow if I didn't have to work until late.**
6. This tea is too sweet. It's got too much sugar. **If this tea didn't have/hadn't got so much sugar, it wouldn't be so sweet.**
7. I can't invite Fred to my party. He usually gets drunk! **If I invited Fred to the party, he would get drunk!**
8. I want to go outside, but it's raining. **If it wasn't raining, I would go outside.**
9. I'm looking after my baby sister. That's why I can't go out tonight. **If I wasn't looking after my baby sister, I would go out tonight.**

10. I can't play tennis because my arm hurts so much. *If my arm didn't hurt so much, I would be able to play tennis.*

### **EXERCISE 5**

1. I didn't know you went to Paris so I did not go with you. *But if I had known you went to Paris, I would have gone with you.*

2. I was driving, so I didn't drink any alcohol. *But If I had drunk some alcohol, I wouldn't be able to drive.*

3. I didn't take a bus because I didn't have enough money. *If I had had enough money, I would have taken a bus.*

4. I forgot my mobile phone so I couldn't call you. *I could have called you if I hadn't forgotten/had remembered my mobile phone.*

5. David lent me some money so I could buy myself a new tablet. *But I couldn't have bought myself a new tablet if David hadn't lent me some money.*

6. I couldn't take any photographs because I didn't bring my camera. *If I had brought my camera, I could have taken some photographs.*

7. The weather wasn't very nice so we didn't go to the beach very often. *If the weather had been nicer, I would have gone to the beach more often.*

8. I've painted my house red and it looks terrible. *If I hadn't painted my house red, it wouldn't look terrible.*

9. I couldn't contact you because I didn't have SKYPE. *If I had had SKYPE, I could have contacted you.*

10. I didn't practise hard enough so I didn't become a professional footballer. *If I had practised hard enough, I would have/could have been a professional footballer.*

11. She didn't pay her bills, and now she hasn't got any electricity. *If she had paid her bills, she would have got some electricity.*

### **EXERCISE 6**

These are the most logical sentences. However, you may have come up with one or two different answers that may seem just as logical, but might be considered unusual...

1. If I had bought that house ten years ago, d) I would be a millionaire now.
2. If Andy was delivering a presentation tomorrow, f) he would be very nervous.
3. If you exercised regularly, b) you would have passed the fitness test.
4. If Fred were more positive, e) the company would send him to London to talk to our clients.
5. If I had studied German, a) I would have more opportunities to work abroad.
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