

EXERCISES

99.1 *Are these real or unreal conditional sentences?(A)*

- 1 If we had travelled together we would have saved money. **Unreal**
- 2 If you're scared of spiders, don't go into the garden.
- 3 Where would you choose if you could live anywhere in the world?
- 4 If he recognised me, he certainly didn't show any sign of it.
- 5 She'll be furious if she finds out the truth.
- 6 You would know the answer if you had read the book.
- 7 You'll have to take a taxi home if you want to leave now.
- 8 If you had taken that job in Norway, you'd have been able to learn to ski.

99.2 *Write sentences with similar meanings beginning If.... All the sentences you write will be unreal conditionals. (C)*

- 1 I don't know enough about the machine, so I can't mend it myself.
If I knew enough about the machine I would mend it myself.
- 2 He didn't prepare for the interview, so he didn't get the job.
- 3 Not enough money is spent on cancer research, so a prevention has not been found.
- 4 Andrew wanted to ask Frank Sinatra for his autograph, but he wasn't brave enough.



Now write sentences including ..., so... or ..., but... with similar meanings to these unreal conditional sentences.

- 5 If you'd listened to me, we wouldn't have gone the wrong way.
You didn't listen to me, so...
- 6 If they hadn't found him in time, they wouldn't have been able to save his life.
- 7 If there were any truth in her allegations, I would resign.
- 8 If I hadn't been so busy I would have written to you earlier.

99.3 *If necessary, correct these sentences. (B-D)*

- 1 If Jack had been honest, he would return the money.
- 2 The video pauses if you press this button.
- 3 If she would have really wanted to see me, she would have come earlier.
- 4 If he doesn't break the window then who is responsible?
- 5 If Claire will continue to work hard, she should pass the exams easily.
- 6 Steve would have been attacked if I hadn't come along.
- 7 I'd be able to visit Jim first thing in the morning if I stay in Manchester overnight.
- 8 Speak to Jane if you want to book a room.
- 9 If you know what it was going to be like, why did you come?
- 10 You'd be surprised if I told you how much this cost.
- 11 If I had suddenly announced that the holiday was cancelled, the children had objected.
- 12 We might soon be making a profit if all will go according to plan.

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1001 Choose from these verbs to complete the sentences, using each verb once only. If possible, use the pattern *were + to-infinitive*. If this is not correct, use the past simple form of the verb. (A)

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- 1 If the police were to catch him, he'd spend at least five years in prison.
- 2 If they.....to reach their target, the order would be lost.
- 3 If I.....how to contact Mike, I'd get in touch with him today.
- 4 If she.....the next four races, she would be world champion.
- 5 If I.....how it worked, I'd explain it to you.
- 6 If you.....his first film, I'm sure you'd enjoy this one, too.

1002 Write new sentences with similar meanings. Begin with the word(s) given. (B & C)

- 1 John lent me money. Otherwise, I would have gone out of business. Had it not been for John
Lending me money I would have gone out of business.
- 2 Return the product to the shop if you have any complaints about it. Should...
- 3 There would be nowhere for them to stay if they arrived today. Were...
- 4 I wouldn't have finished this book without Suzanne's help. If it...
- 5 John is giving me a lift. Otherwise, I wouldn't be able to visit you. But for...
- 6 Megan and I both have e-mail. Without it, it would be difficult for us to keep in touch. Were it...

Now write some true sentences about your life beginning with:

- 7 But for... 8 If it hadn't been for... 9 Had it...

1003 Are the underlined parts of the sentences correct? Correct the ones that are wrong. (D)

- 1 If they will get married, they'll probably move to France. If they get married...
- 2 If it will make you happy, we'll buy a dishwasher.
- 3 If you will send me a copy of your previous letter, I will reply immediately.
- 4 If some extra money will help, take this £200.
- 5 If anyone will ask for me, I'll be in the café.
- 6 If he will continue to improve, he should be out of hospital next week.

1004 Make these requests and suggestions more polite. Begin *If you would...* (D)

- 1 Excuse me. I have to make a telephone call.
- 2 Leave your name and telephone number. I'll call you back as soon as I can.
- 3 Stay here until I return. I'd appreciate it.

1005 If possible, rewrite the underlined parts of these sentences with *happen to*. If it is not possible, write *X* after the sentence. (E)

- 1 If you see Ken, tell him that I'd like to see him. If you happen to see Ken...
- 2 If you are at home on Monday evening, you must see the TV programme on Korea.
- 3 If computers could think like humans, then more people would lose their jobs.
- 4 If I am in New York in December, we must meet up.
- 5 It's delicious - if you like very sweet things.
- 6 The world would be very different today if the aeroplane had been invented in 1800.

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101.1 Write a new sentence with the same meaning. Use *unless* in your answer and begin with the word given. (A)

- 1 I have to telephone Mike tonight or he'll sell the car to someone else. *Unless* I telephone Mike tonight, he'll sell the car to someone else.
- 2 The hospital must get more money or it will close. *Unless*...
- 3 You should keep medicines in the fridge only if it is necessary. *You*...
- 4 Speak to her only if she speaks to you first. *Don't*...
- 5 It must rain within the next week, or water supplies will be cut off. *Unless*...

101.2 Underline the correct phrase. If either is possible, underline them both. (B)

- 1 *Unless it had been* / *if it hadn't been* for my friends, I wouldn't have got the job.
- 2 You'll be really sorry *unless you take* / *if you don't take* the opportunity.
- 3 *Unless we cut* / *If we don't cut* resource use and waste, we face a decline in the quality of our lives.
- 4 The workers have threatened to go on strike *unless they are given* / *if they're not given* a pay rise.
- 5 *Unless we hear from you* / *If we don't hear from you* we'll expect you around 12.30.
- 6 I must get on with my work - *unless you want* / *if you don't want* to help me.
- 7 The club will have to close *unless we can attract* / *if we can't attract* more members.
- 8 He wouldn't have failed his exams *unless he had* / *if he hadn't* been ill.
- 9 What will you do *unless you go* / *if you don't go* away for the weekend?

101.3 Write *whether* or *if/whether* in these sentences. (C & D)

- 1 It was a good opportunity to ask Charles.....he shared my views.
- 2 When I saw his face I didn't know.....to laugh or cry.
- 3 There is some question as to.....the public should be told about the accident.
- 4 It was too dark to tell.....she was awake or asleep.
- 5.....they continue to work for us depends on how much we can pay.
- 6 She briefly considered.....she should call the police, but then walked away.
- 7 It remains to be seen.....he can win in a major competition.
- 8 She couldn't make up her mind about.....Jack had stolen the money.

014 Complete the sentences with *as long as*, *provided*, *supposing*, or *unless*. (A & E)

- 1.....our calculations are correct, we'll make a profit within a year.
- 2.....she is injured, she should win easily.
- 3.....it was possible to go back in time, I'd like to see the pyramids being built.



Now complete these sentences with your own ideas.

- 4 Providing my neighbours don't object...
- 5 Supposing I get made redundant,...
- 6 Unless the destruction of the world's rain forests is stopped,...