

Practice

Exercise 1: Identify the type of conditional used in each sentence.

1. If they bought our parts, they would earn a greater margin on the products they sell.
2. When rain falls, the river rises.
3. If she waits too long, she will lose her chance to win the concert tickets.
4. If the team had chosen to stay out past midnight before the game the next day, they would not have performed as well on the field.

Key Answers

1. If they bought our parts [**hypothetical condition**], they would earn a greater margin on the products they sell [**probable result**].

→ Type 2 Conditional [simple past, present conditional]

2. When rain falls, the river rises [basic truth].

→ Zero Conditional [simple present, simple present]

3. If she waits too long [possible condition], she will lose her chance to win the concert tickets [probable result].

→ Type 1 Conditional [simple present, simple future]

4. If the team had chosen to stay out past midnight before the game the next day [unreal past condition], they would not have performed as well on the field [probable result in the past].

→ Type 3 Conditional [past perfect, perfect conditional]

Exercise 2: Rewrite the verbs between brackets in the following sentences in their right forms.

1. If I had time, I (go) shopping with you.
2. If you (speak) English, you will get along with them perfectly.
3. If they had gone for a walk, they (turn) the lights off.
4. If she (comes) to see us, we will go to the zoo.

5. I would have told you, if I (see) him.
6. Would you mind if I (open) the window?
7. If they (invite) me, I wouldn't have said no.
8. My friend (meet) me at the station if he gets the afternoon off.
9. If I (not do) it, nobody would do it.
10. If my father (not pick) me up, I'll take the bus home.

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