

Conditionals 1

⇒ **TASK Rewrite the sentences using mixed conditionals:**

1 We didn't order the parts at the end of June. They aren't here now.

If _____, _____.

2 We felt we could trust each other. Now we are partners.

If _____, _____.

3 He lost his driving licence. Now he has to take taxis everywhere.

If _____, _____.

4 You didn't go on the course. You don't know how to operate the new equipment.

If _____, _____.

5 I went to school in France. Now I am bilingual.

If _____, _____.

⇒ **TASK Read through the sentences. Put a tick ✓ next to the ones that are right, and correct the ones that are wrong.**

- 1 If I would have had the chance to study another foreign language, I would have learned Russian. _____
- 2 We would have moved to a bigger hall if there had been any more people for the presentation. _____
- 3 The company had made bigger profits if they had been able to cut down on salaries. _____
- 4 If they had dealt with the complaint more quickly, they didn't receive so much bad publicity. _____
- 5 If there wouldn't have been so many mistakes in the advertisement, we wouldn't have had to redo it. _____

⇒ **TASK Put the verbs into the correct form. Choose either the past perfect (had done) or would + perfect infinitive (would have done).**

- 1 If we _____ (**know**) that the company was in financial difficulty, we would not have done business with them.
- 2 We would have won the contract if we _____ (**make**) a better offer.
- 3 They _____ (**go**) out of business years ago if they hadn't invested in new technology.
- 4 Would sales have been higher if the price _____ (**be**) lower?
- 5 If we _____ (**wait**) a few more months, we would have saved a great deal of money on the new computers.
- 6 The company _____ (**move**) earlier if it had found suitable premises.
- 7 _____ you _____ (**accept**) the new job if they had offered it to you?
- 8 If the flight had been delayed, I _____ (**stay**) at the airport hotel.

⇒ TASK Read through the following sentences. Decide whether the events in them are likely(1st conditional) or imaginary (2nd conditional), and put the verbs in brackets into the right tense.

- 1 If everyone _____ /CONTRIBUTE/ 10% of their salaries to charity, there would _____ /BE/ no poverty.
- 2 I am sure we _____ /MEET/ our targets if we _____ /MAINTAIN/ our current levels of sales.
- 3 If I _____ /BE/ in your position, I _____ /INSIST/ on having more staff in the department.
- 4 Please have a seat. If you _____ /WAIT/ a couple of minutes, I _____ /GIVE/ you a lift.
- 5 I´m expecting a fax from Grayson´s. It it _____ /COME/ today, please _____ /LET/ me know at once.
- 6 I _____ /APPLY/ for the job if I _____ /HAVE/ a degree, but unfortunately I haven´t.
- 7 What laws _____ /YOU-CHANGE/ if you _____ /BE/ in Parliament?
- 8 I´m leaving now; I _____ /BE/ back at 8:30 if the traffic _____ /NOT-BE/ too bad.

⇒ TASK: MIGHT HAVE, COULD HAVE

Match the first part of the sentences in column A with the right ending in column B.

1 If we had had the right figures,	A he might have gone into insurance.
2 Could you have worked in Paris	B they could have prevented the strike.
3 We might have lost a great deal of money	C we could have avoided a costly error.
4 If they hadn´t won that order,	D if you had wanted to?
5 If he hadn´t gone into banking,	E if she had been more prepared.
6 If you had left earlier,	F they might have had to close the factory.
7 Her presentation could have been better	G if we hadn´t taken our lawyer´s advice.
8 If they had offered a 15% pay rise,	H you might have got there on time.