

## Conditionals

Emmerson, p.224

### Exercise 1

Underline the correct words.

- 1 If we sent the goods by sea, the transport costs *will / would* be much lower.
- 2 If they *promote / promoted* the brand better, they'll gain market share.
- 3 If you *left / had left* earlier, you might have got there on time.
- 4 If anyone from Head Office visits, they always *stay / will stay* in a five star hotel.
- 5 If I were you, *I'd / I'll* call their Technical Support number.
- 6 If I *have / had* more time, I'd be able to come up with a solution.
- 7 If it *breaks down / will break down*, it takes days for the service engineer to arrive.
- 8 If you needed the money urgently, I *could phone / could have phoned* Accounts now to try and speed up your payment.
- 9 If you enter the date in the wrong format, the computer *doesn't / didn't* recognise the information.
- 10 If *we'd been / we were* more careful, we wouldn't have lost so much money.
- 11 If I had bought more shares, I *would become / would have become* rich!
- 12 If your second interview *goes / will go* well, I'm sure they'll offer you the job.
- 13 If you *would have backed up / backed up* your files more often, you *wouldn't risk / didn't risk* losing all your work.
- 14 If you *hadn't / wouldn't have* acted so quickly, *we'd be / we are* in big trouble.

### Exercise 2

Complete each sentence, using the verb in brackets in one of these forms: *will do, would do, would have done*.

- 1 If we got a virus on the network, we \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) all our data.
- 2 If my train isn't late, I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in Paris at six.
- 3 If your talk had been shorter, I think they \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) more questions.
- 4 If you tell me what you want, I \_\_\_\_\_ (get) it for you at the airport.
- 5 We \_\_\_\_\_ (get) more inquiries if we advertised more often.
- 6 If we hadn't left so early, we \_\_\_\_\_ (miss) the train.
- 7 If I worked abroad, I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) my family so often.
- 8 If you haven't got any change, I \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) the tip.
- 9 We \_\_\_\_\_ (sort out) the problem much sooner if we had had the manual.
- 10 If you were in his situation, what \_\_\_\_\_ (you/do)?

### Exercise 3

Complete each sentence using *if* or *unless*.

- 1 Their offices are very near. We'll walk there, \_\_\_\_\_ it's raining.
- 2 We would probably get the contract \_\_\_\_\_ we dropped our price a little.
- 3 Come on! \_\_\_\_\_ we hurry, we'll miss the plane.
- 4 What would you do \_\_\_\_\_ they refused to negotiate?
- 5 I don't feel able to take a decision \_\_\_\_\_ I have all the figures.

### Exercise 4

Complete the sentence for each situation.

- 1 Emma didn't leave early, and so she missed her flight.

- If Emma \_\_\_\_\_, she \_\_\_\_\_ her flight.
- 2 He didn't make more copies, so we don't have enough for everyone.  
If he \_\_\_\_\_, we \_\_\_\_\_ enough for everyone.
- 3 I forgot to bring your map, so I went to the wrong building.  
If I \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_ to the wrong building.
- 4 They didn't invest in new technology, so they didn't survive the recession.  
If they \_\_\_\_\_, they \_\_\_\_\_ the recession.
- 5 You didn't wait so this happened.  
If you \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 I didn't realise you were so busy when I asked you to help me.  
If I \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_ to help me.
- 7 The Government didn't collapse, so there wasn't a crisis.  
If the Government \_\_\_\_\_, there \_\_\_\_\_ a crisis.
- 8 They didn't bring out their new model on time, so they lost market share.  
If they \_\_\_\_\_, they \_\_\_\_\_ market share.

## Modals in conditionals

### 1 *can, could, may, might, should, ought to, must*

- 1 If you \_\_\_\_\_ (be) still ill tomorrow, you \_\_\_\_\_ stay at home.
- 2 If you \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) work early, you \_\_\_\_\_ come for a drink with us.
- 3 If she \_\_\_\_\_ (have) too much to do, she \_\_\_\_\_ ask someone to help her.
- 4 If he \_\_\_\_\_ (not be coming) tonight, he \_\_\_\_\_ come next week.
- 5 If he \_\_\_\_\_ (have only just arrive), he \_\_\_\_\_ not have heard the news.
- 7 If we \_\_\_\_\_ (can't go) next week, we \_\_\_\_\_ manage to go the week after.
- 2 – *could, ought to, might*
- 1 If she \_\_\_\_\_ (be) here now, she \_\_\_\_\_ (give) us some advice.
- 2 If he \_\_\_\_\_ (fail) in his present job, he \_\_\_\_\_ (think) about another career.
- 3 If you \_\_\_\_\_ (can play) a musical instrument, you \_\_\_\_\_ (help) with the school orchestra.
- 4 If they \_\_\_\_\_ (have) the right qualifications, they \_\_\_\_\_ (be able to) apply for better jobs.
- 5 If she \_\_\_\_\_ (can have) some lessons, she \_\_\_\_\_ (improve) her performance.

- 6 If we \_\_\_\_\_ (run) our own business, we \_\_\_\_\_ (be) more independent.
- 7 If John \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to his hometown, he \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) his mother.
- 8 If Susan \_\_\_\_\_ (borrow) your book, she \_\_\_\_\_ (return) it.
- 9 If Frank \_\_\_\_\_ (want) advice, he \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) his bank manager.

**3 could have done, might have done**

- 1 If I \_\_\_\_\_ (manage) to repair my car earlier, I \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) you to London.
- 2 If I \_\_\_\_\_ (know) last week that she was ill, I \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) her.
- 3 If you \_\_\_\_\_ (not want) to drive straight home, we \_\_\_\_\_ (miss) all this traffic.
- 4 If you \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) politely, I \_\_\_\_\_ (help) you.
- 5 If the weather forecast \_\_\_\_\_ (be) different, we \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) at home.
- 6 We \_\_\_\_\_ (be) at the airport for hours, if we \_\_\_\_\_ (not know) that the flight was delayed.
- 7 I \_\_\_\_\_ (make) a bad mistake, if I \_\_\_\_\_ (not read) the instructions.
- 8 We \_\_\_\_\_ (have) an accident, if our car \_\_\_\_\_ (be) properly serviced.
- 9 If he \_\_\_\_\_ (fasten his seatbelt), he \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) hurt.
- 10 She \_\_\_\_\_ (not hear) the news, if she \_\_\_\_\_ (not turn on) the radio this morning.
- 11 If they \_\_\_\_\_ (could see) us, they \_\_\_\_\_ (laugh).
- 12 If you \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) me you needed money, I \_\_\_\_\_ (lend) you some.
- 13 I \_\_\_\_\_ (save) some food for you, if I \_\_\_\_\_ (know) you were going to be late.
- 14 They \_\_\_\_\_ (play) better, if they \_\_\_\_\_ (have) more training.

**Mixed conditionals**

Grammar Practice for Int Students, p.60

Match the two halves of the sentences.

- 1 If he was happy,...
- 2 If you hadn't lost your job,...
- 3 If she didn't lose her temper so quickly,...
- 4 If she doesn't do her work,...
- 5 Can I borrow your pen,...
- 6 If the machine stopped,...

- 7 You wouldn't be so hungry,...
- 8 Whistle...
- 9 If I study here for another month,...
- 10 If it's raining,...

- A we stopped.
- B she wouldn't have got into that fight.
- C I wouldn't go out for a walk.
- D I'll have been here a year.
- E I was happy.
- F send her home.
- G if you'd eaten a proper breakfast.
- H we wouldn't be living here.
- I if you see the police coming.
- J if you've finished using it.

Grammar Practice for U-Int Students, p.88

Match the clauses.

- 1 If you had told me about this problem earlier,
- 2 If you were a more sensitive person,
- 3 If they don't contact you soon,
- 4 If he hadn't died so young,
- 5 If he didn't work so hard all the time,
- 6 If the train hadn't been delayed,
- 7 If he was feeling ill this morning,
- 8 If you're coming with us,
- 9 If I really wanted to have children,
- 10 If you had worked harder last month,

- A he probably won't be at the meeting.
- B you could always ring them up.
- C his wife would never have left him.
- D you wouldn't have said that to her.
- E I would have had them by now.
- F everything would be alright now.
- G would you hurry up and get ready?
- H you wouldn't be so busy this month.
- I we would be there by now.
- J I'm sure he'd be a famous musician by now.

Longman English Grammar, p.212

- 1 If I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) you, I \_\_\_\_\_ (check) my facts before I wrote that letter.
- 2 If you \_\_\_\_\_ (be) so hungry, you \_\_\_\_\_ (not miss) the breakfast.
- 3 If he \_\_\_\_\_ (catch) the 5.30 train, he \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) for another two hours.

- 4 He \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) very tired today if he \_\_\_\_\_ (play) rugby yesterday.
- 5 If the snake bite \_\_\_\_\_ (be) poisonous, you \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) very ill now.
- 6 If I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in your position, I \_\_\_\_\_ (answer) his letter by now.