

# CONDITIONALS

## 1 Rewrite the following sentences with if and the second conditional.

1 The reason we don't use them is that they are so expensive.

But ... *if they weren't so expensive, we would use them.* or But ... *we would use them if they weren't so expensive.*

2 The reason I can't contact them is that I haven't got their address.

But... \_\_\_\_\_

3 The reason I work so hard is that I enjoy my job.

But... \_\_\_\_\_

4 The reason we are the market leaders is that we spend so much on R&D.

But... \_\_\_\_\_

5 The reason I won't give you an answer is that I haven't got the authority.

But... \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 Read through the following sentences. Decide whether the events in them are likely or imaginary, 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 level of sales.

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. If 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.

## 3 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.

**4 Rewrite the sentences using mixed conditionals.**

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

*If we had ordered the parts at the end of June, they would be here now.*

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

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

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

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

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