



**A** Put each of these *if* clauses into the correct box. You have to decide if they describe something which is/was possibly true, or something which is/was definitely not true.

possibly true	definitely not true
<i>If the captain sent a radio signal</i>	
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**Example:** If the captain sent a radio signal before the ship sank ...

- 1 If the captain had sent a radio signal before the ship sank ...
- 2 If Les had been here now ...
- 3 If Les is here now ...
- 4 If Sarah said anything to your boss while you were away ...
- 5 If Sarah had said anything to your boss while you were away ...
- 6 If Ali had bought the tickets when the box office first opened ...
- 7 If Ali bought the tickets when the box office first opened ...
- 8 If I have any more food ...
- 9 If I'd had any more food ...

**B** Match each meaning on the left with the correct tense on the right.

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| 1 If you mean that it is possibly true in the present/future ...                       | a) you use <i>if</i> + the simple past (for example, <i>If he left early yesterday ...</i> ) |
| 2 If you mean that it was possibly true in the past ...                                | b) you use <i>if</i> + the past perfect (for example, <i>If he had left early ...</i> )      |
| 3 If you mean that it is definitely not true in the past/present (and even future) ... | c) you use <i>if</i> + the simple present (for example, <i>If he leaves early ...</i> )      |

**C** Match each clause in part A with the correct ending below.

**Example:** If the captain had sent a radio signal before the ship sank,

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| 1 _____ | a) we would have been rescued by now.   |
| 2 _____ | b) they'll rescue us soon.              |
| 3 _____ | a) we'll be able to ask him.            |
| 4 _____ | b) we could have asked him.             |
| 5 _____ | a) you'll be in trouble.                |
| 6 _____ | b) you would have been in trouble.      |
| 7 _____ | a) we'll have excellent seats.          |
| 8 _____ | b) we would have got much better seats. |
| 9 _____ | a) I'd give it to you.                  |
|         | b) I'll give it to you.                 |

# If sentences 3

mixed *if* sentences

You have just arrived to stay with a British friend at her house. Read the comments your friend makes to you and your thoughts about the comments. Then complete your replies using the word *if* in each reply and the two verbs in *italics* in the 'What you think' section.

What your friend says	What you think	What you say
Example: Why don't you stay longer? You'd be very welcome.	You would like to <i>stay</i> , but you don't have time.	If I <u>had time I'd stay longer.</u>
1 Why didn't you ring me from the airport?	You didn't <i>have</i> any change so you didn't <i>ring</i> .	If I _____
2 Do make yourself at home here, won't you?	You are happy to <i>help</i> yourself to anything you <i>need</i> .	Don't worry. If I _____
3 You know, you really shouldn't have brought all these gifts!	You <i>wanted</i> to <i>bring</i> them.	I wouldn't _____
4 Why don't you come and meet some of my friends on Thursday?	You'd like to <i>come</i> , but you aren't sure if you <i>have</i> time.	I'll certainly _____
5 Now, can you remember all the things I've told you about Glasgow?	You aren't sure if you <i>remember</i> , but you can always <i>ring</i> her to ask.	Don't worry. _____
6 And why not visit Cornwall too while you're here?	You don't <i>have</i> enough money! But you would like to <i>go</i> there.	Well, I think I would _____
7 Is Stephanie meeting us next weekend?	You know she was hoping to <i>come</i> , but you don't know if she <i>got</i> a plane ticket.	I'm not sure. She'll _____
8 By the way, it was a good thing you managed to catch the bus this evening, wasn't it?	You are happy you <i>caught</i> it because you didn't want to <i>wait</i> until tomorrow morning for the next bus!	Yes, I'd still _____
9 You look tired! Why don't you have an early night?	You are <i>waiting</i> for a phone call so you can't go to bed.	I would _____