

Conditionals

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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.

Key

Ex1

- 1 would
- 2 promote
- 3 had left
- 4 stay
- 5 I'd
- 6 had
- 7 breaks down
- 8 could phone
- 9 doesn't
- 10 we'd been
- 11 would have become
- 12 goes
- 13 backed up / wouldn't risk
- 14 hadn't / we'd be
- 15 had
- 16 was

Ex2

- 1 would lose
- 2 will be
- 3 would have asked
- 4 will get
- 5 would get
- 6 would have missed
- 7 wouldn't see
- 8 will leave
- 9 would have sorted out
- 10 would you do

Ex3

- 1 unless
- 2 if
- 3 Unless
- 4 If
- 5 if
- 6 unless