

CONDITIONALS & WISH/IF ONLY

1 Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Tutor: Tell me what you intend to write in your evaluation of your research.

Student: Well, firstly, if I _____ (1 have) a larger number of questionnaires returned, I _____ (2 get) more useful data.

Tutor: Is there anything you could have done to improve that?

Student: Well, I suppose I _____ (3 receive) more completed questionnaires if I _____ (4 make) the questions easier to answer, for example, 'yes/no' questions.

Tutor: Yes, I think you are right. People are too busy to answer complicated questions. Any other things you might change?

Student: Yes. I think I _____ (5 be) more successful with my interviews as well if I _____ (6 plan) the questions more thoroughly beforehand, although I'm not sure about that. If I _____ (7 prepare) the questions in more detail, it _____ (8 restrict) the interviewees too much. Oh, and another thing: if I _____ (9 start) collecting data sooner, it _____ (10 not be) such a rush in the end.

Tutor: Good. I must admit that if you _____ (11 not/leave) it all so late, I _____ (12 be able to) support you more. If you _____ (13 come) to see me before you sent out your questionnaires, I _____ (14 help) you. It is a shame that your data was so disappointing because your research questions were very interesting.

2 Complete the sentences so that all conditionals are mixed.

- 1 If they _____ (save) more wisely, they _____ (be) rich!
- 2 If she _____ (not try) those drugs, she _____ (not be) in prison.
- 3 She _____ (be) jealous if I _____ (go out) with her brother.
- 4 Jack _____ (talk) to me if I _____ (treat) him better.
- 5 If you _____ (love) me, you _____ (ask) me to marry you.
- 6 We _____ (can) pay the bill if you _____ (not spend) all our money.

3 Fill in the gaps using the words in brackets in the correct form.

1 I wish _____ (I/have) more time to work on this assignment. I'm worried I won't finish it by the deadline.

2 I really wish _____ (you/ask) me before borrowing the car yesterday. I needed to use it.

3 I'm not enjoying my degree course at all. I (I/not/choose) physics. I wish _____ (choose) maths instead because I used to love it at school.

4 If only _____ (I/study) languages at school because now I travel regularly for work to Berlin and Paris.

5 That man is really annoying me. I wish _____ (he/stop) whistling.

6 If only _____ (it/stop) raining. I want to go for a walk.