



Grammar 2

Conditionals: mixed conditionals

1 Read about mixed conditionals.

A mixed conditional is where the clauses in a conditional sentence refer to different times. We can use a mixed conditional to express the present result of a hypothetical past event or situation.

If I hadn't missed the bus, I would be at work now. (= I missed the bus, so I'm not at work yet.)

2 Read this sentence. Which tenses does it use? Did Nick shout at his boss? Is he a manager now?

If Nick hadn't shouted at his boss, he would be a manager now.

Read 8.5 of the Grammar Reference before you do the tasks.

3 Choose the correct answers to complete the mixed conditional sentences.

- 1 If Maria hadn't lost her job,
a she wouldn't have felt so bad right now.
b she wouldn't feel so bad right now.
- 2 If Nia hadn't gossiped about her colleagues,
a they would still like her.
b they would have still liked her.
- 3 If I had taken the job at the travel agent's,
a I would be in Greece right now.
b I would have been in Greece right now.
- 4 Todd would be wealthy
a if he hadn't given away all his money.
b if he hasn't given away all his money.
- 5 If we had had an interest in technology,
a we will have careers as technicians.
b we would have careers as technicians.



4 Complete the mixed conditional sentences.

- 1 The candidate wore dirty jeans to his interview, so he doesn't work here now.
If the candidate _____ dirty jeans to his interview, he _____ here now.
- 2 Her boss gave her a company car, so she doesn't take the bus every day.
If her boss _____ her a company car, she _____ the bus every day.
- 3 We didn't go to the meeting, so we don't know about the new pension plan.
If we _____ to the meeting, we _____ about the new pension plan.
- 4 We saved enough money, so we are able to set up our own business.
If we _____ enough money, we _____ our own business.
- 5 My boss didn't take me to Europe with her, so I'm here in the office today.
If my boss _____ me to Europe with her, I _____ here in the office today.
- 6 They didn't buy the business, so they aren't wealthy now.
If they _____ the business, they _____ wealthy now.
- 7 I was late for work again, so Mr Banes is angry with me.
If I _____ late for work again, Mr Banes _____ angry with me.
- 8 She accepted the job offer, so she works here now.
If she _____ the job offer, she _____ here now.