

A. Language focus: Alternative conditional words

Exercise 1: Choose the correct answers.

1. You can use my car you promise to be careful.
 - A. provided
 - B. as long as
 - C. unless
 - D. in case
2., children cannot swim here.
 - A. Provided they're alone
 - B. Unless they're alone
 - C. Unless they're with an adult
 - D. Provided they're with an adult
3. I'm playing tennis tomorrow, it doesn't rain.
 - A. unless
 - B. provided
 - C. as long as
 - D. in case
4. Imagine / Suppose you found some books that were due back 8 months ago, ...
 - A. would you return them?
 - B. you would return them.
 - C. would you keep them?
 - D. you would return them?
5. My leg's broken, I can't stand up you help me.
 - A. suppose
 - B. as long as
 - C. unless
 - D. in case
6. I can get all my homework done in time, you can use my computer tonight.
 - A. Assuming
 - B. Supposing
 - C. Whether

7. you had a bag full of money, would you take it to the police station?

- A. Assuming
- B. Supposing
- C. In case

8. The match will be cancelled if the weather doesn't improve.

- A. unless the weather improves.
- B. provided the weather improves.
- C. in case the weather improves.
- D. whether the weather doesn't improve.

9. She took a lot of warm clothes because she thought it might be cold there.

- A. as long as it was cold there.
- B. unless it was cold there.
- C. in case it was cold there.
- D. assuming it was cold there.

10. your suggestion is accepted, what step will you take next?

- A. Assuming
- B. As long as
- C. Even if
- D. In case

11. Please do not use the 999 emergency number it's a genuine emergency.

- A. if
- B. provided
- C. unless

12. your computer has a virus protection program, you may fall victim to malicious software.

- A. Unless
- B. Even if
- C. Assuming
- D. Supposing

Exercise 2: How could you rewrite the following sentences using the suggested alternative conditional words?

1. You should put more paper in the photocopier tray. That way you will not have any problems. (As

long as)

2. Do not include that book in the reference list unless you have used it in the main text. (Only if)

3. If lectures are boring students will not want to attend. (Otherwise)

4. If you include all the correct references you will not be plagiarising. (Provided that)

5. If you have already answered the first question, you can do the second question. (Providing that)

6. She will graduate next year if she passes all her courses. (Supposing)

7. Don't take this course if you are not ready to study statistics. (Unless)

8. If we read the results carefully we are more aware of the limitations in the study. (When)

9. We always have to wear goggles if we enter the lab. (Whenever)

10. They will invest in the project even if it does not make a lot of money. (Whether or not)
