

Mixed conditionals exercises

2B

Grammar

Conditionals

I can use a range of conditional sentences.

1 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- I would have slept much better last night if you hadn't told / didn't tell me that horror story.
- If Jack had found out about the party, he would / will be here.
- If you had read / read this book, you'd really like it.
- We would have enjoyed / would enjoy the film more if the characters had been more believable.
- We d have / 'll have nicer costumes for the play if we'd spent a little more money on them.
- The novel would be too sentimental if it would have / had a happier ending.

2 Write sentences using mixed conditionals.

- we / have / an easier time in Paris last month if we / speak / French

- I / not have to / fix your computer all the time if you / buy / an anti-virus programme

- if people / not invent / cars, trains / still be / the main form of transport

- if Toby / apologise / for what he said, I / not be / so angry with him

- if you / check / Facebook more often, you / know / about the Literature Festival

3 Tick (✓) the correct sentences and rewrite the incorrect ones.

- ☐ 1 Should Claire phone I'd tell her that you're busy.

- ☐ 2 You'd do well, were it not for your lazy attitude.

- ☐ 3 Had you not come, I wouldn't know anyone here.

- ☐ 4 Was I more confident, I'd ask Darren out.

- ☐ 5 Had you have asked me, I would have helped you.

4 Match the parts of the sentences and complete them with the words below. Use the words more than once.

in case provided supposing unless

- Take some money with you ...
 - _____ they ask me why I want the job, ...
 - _____ you need to contact me, ...
 - Max will come to the cinema with us, ...
 - I won't forgive you ...
- a _____ that he doesn't have to work late.
b here's my email address.
c what shall I say?
d _____ they don't accept credit cards.
e you apologise for what you said.

5 Choose the correct words to complete the text.

A world without the internet

Tim Berners-Lee is usually credited with inventing the world wide web in the 1980s, but ¹ _____ for many other people, today's internet would not exist. If computer technology ² _____ advanced rapidly after World War II, we wouldn't have had the infrastructure needed to build the internet. The computer revolution ³ _____ taken place without the work of Alan Turing, who built the first modern computer in the 1940s. And ⁴ _____ people hadn't used binary code for centuries in smoke signals, Morse code and textile machines – would we have thought of using it to write computer programmes?

It's difficult to imagine what the world would be like today if we ⁵ _____ the internet, because the technology is so interwoven with our daily lives. But ⁶ _____ the internet suddenly stopped working? Some scientists think this ⁷ _____ one day – if the energy from a big solar storm hits Earth, it ⁸ _____ electronic devices worldwide. ⁹ _____ we protect computer networks better, we ¹⁰ _____ one day be in big trouble!

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| 1 a wouldn't it | b had it not been | c were it |
| 2 a wouldn't | b hadn't | c didn't |
| 3 a hadn't had | b didn't have | c wouldn't have |
| 4 a provided | b in case | c supposing |
| 5 a hadn't invented | b wouldn't invent | c won't invent |
| 6 a as long as | b provided that | c what if |
| 7 a would happen | b happens | c could happen |
| 8 a disables | b disables | c may disable |
| 9 a As long as | b Unless | c Supposing |
| 10 a may | b would | c can |