

## MIXED CONDITIONALS

This means that the time in the if-clause is different from the time in the result.

Mixed conditionals help you to move through time.

A key idea is time but don't confuse time with verb tense.

Although we use tenses to express time, they are not always the same thing.

I **had** a dog when I was a child.

She **was cleaning** all day yesterday.

These sentences use different tense but both of them refer to the past.

There are ALL KIND of combinations but the most common is to mix the second and third conditionals:

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### EXERCISES

- 1- If he \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a more responsible person, he wouldn't have forgotten to hand in his essay today.
- 2- Take another sandwich if you \_\_\_\_\_ (be) hungry.
- 3- If he weren't so gullible, she \_\_\_\_\_ (not believe) every lie you said.
- 4- If I had known she was in trouble, I \_\_\_\_\_ (help) her now.
- 5- If I had got on that plane, I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in Berlin right now.
- 6- If you \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a mobile phone, check that it's turned off.
- 7- If I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to her party, I would be sipping champagne right now.
- 8- If I \_\_\_\_\_ (win) the lottery, I would go on holiday all the time.
- 9- If she had picked up the phone, she \_\_\_\_\_ (regret) it now.
- 10- I \_\_\_\_\_ (lend) you the book if I have finished it before the holiday.
- 11- If he \_\_\_\_\_ (not quit) his job, he would be earning a good salary today.
- 12- If I were more athletic, I \_\_\_\_\_ (compete) in the Olympics last year.
- 13- If she weren't so tired, she \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the theatre yesterday.
- 14- If I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) fluent in English, I would have travelled to Australia last month.
- 15- If tomorrow weren't Monday, the school \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) opened.
- 16- If you \_\_\_\_\_ (not pay) the bill by Monday, we are taking the carpets back.
- 17- If she \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) an important exam next week, would she have studied in the evening?
- 18- If I \_\_\_\_\_ (not move) next month, you wouldn't have come here now.

- 19- If I \_\_\_\_\_ (not fight) for my job, I wouldn't have a job now.
- 20- If you hadn't taken the job, we \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) together now.
- 21- If I \_\_\_\_\_ (fail) the math exam, I'm going to give up school.
- 22- If they \_\_\_\_\_ (pay) more attention, they wouldn't be failing in class now.
- 23- If he \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) injured, he would have played in the game this afternoon.
- 24- If the North Sea \_\_\_\_\_ (freeze) in winter, you could walk from London to Oslo.
- 25- If I weren't so busy, I \_\_\_\_\_ (offer) to help them today.
- 26- If she had taken a map, she \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) lost now.
- 27- If she wasn't going on holiday next month, she \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) for a day off yesterday.
- 28- If your job \_\_\_\_\_ (be) so bad, why don't you leave?
- 29- If you weren't going on a big hike tomorrow, \_\_\_\_\_ (come) on bike ride today?
- 30- If I were more outgoing I \_\_\_\_\_ (introduce) myself yesterday.
- 31- If I \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) an important meeting tomorrow, I would have gone out dancing this evening.
- 32- If you had cooked dinner, you \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) hungry now.
- 33- If I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) rich, I would have bought that Ferrari we saw yesterday.
- 34- If I \_\_\_\_\_ (not take) that medicine, I would be in pain now.
- 35- If Sam spoke Russian, he \_\_\_\_\_ (translate) the letter for you yesterday.
- 36- If I \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) so much vacation time, I wouldn't go with you on the cruise next week.
- 37- If Dan weren't so nice, he \_\_\_\_\_ (not tutor) you in math tonight.
- 38- If I \_\_\_\_\_ (not go) on a business trip next week, I would have accepted the assignment at work then.
- 39- If my parents \_\_\_\_\_ (not come) this weekend, I would have planned a trip to Napa Valley.
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