

1st and 2nd conditionals

Exercise 1. Choose the correct words.

1. If *we're* / *we would* be late, *they'll start* / *they'd start* without us.
2. If *we will take* / *take* a taxi, *we'll arrive* / *we arrive* sooner.
3. If *we worked* / *would work* for ADC, *we'll get* / *we'd get* a better salary.
4. If *we don't hurry* / *won't hurry*, *we would be* / *we'll be* late.
5. If I *lend* / *will lend* you this book, when *do you return* / *will you return* it?

Exercise 2. Read the sentences and decide if the events are likely to happen or imaginary. Complete the sentences by putting the verbs in brackets into the present simple + will or the past simple + would. USE FULL FORMS, e.g., will go, will not go ..., would not go...

1. It's not far. If you _____ (follow) this road, you _____ (come) to the station.
2. If I _____ (be) on the Board of this company, I _____ (argue) against the merger.
3. If you _____ (have) any questions, I _____ (deal) with them at the end of my presentation.
4. If the council _____ (ban) all cars from the city centre, there _____ (not be) so much pollution.
5. A: I have no idea what the other side are going to propose in the negotiation tomorrow.
B: Neither do I. If I _____ (know), I _____ (tell) you.
6. A: My train leaves in forty minutes.
B: It only takes ten minutes to the station by taxi. If you _____ (leave) now, you _____ (catch) it.
7. A: Is that the time? I really should be going.
B: If you _____ (wait) a moment, I _____ (give) you a lift.
8. A: Would you like to go to English evening classes with me?
B: I'm sorry but I can't. I'm really busy. If I _____ (have) more time, I _____ (love) to.

Exercise 3. Complete the sentences with the correct pair of possible forms A or B.

1. If the bank lends us the money, _____ it in new machinery.
A. *we'll invest* / *we're going to invest* B. *we'd invest* / *we were investing*
2. If _____ this project again, I think I'd do it differently.
A. *I was starting* / *I started* B. *I'll start* / *I've started*

Exercise 4. Paula, a marketing manager of a car manufacturing company, is talking to her colleague Luis, a production manager. Complete their conversation with the words in brackets using 1st or 2nd conditional. USE FULL FORMS, e.g., will go, will not go ..., would not go...

PAULA: Luis, aren't you worried about the proposed strike?

LUIS: Well, sure...

PAULA: You see, if the factory workers go on strike, we _____ (lose) a lot of production. If we _____ (lose) production, we _____ (not be able) to supply all our customers.

LUIS: Yes. I know, but ...

PAULA: And if we _____ (not supply) our customers, they _____ (probably buy) other makes of car. If that _____ (happen), our market share _____ (go) down. It's not looking good.

LUIS: Well, that's right, but ...

PAULA: And what's more, in my experience, when workers go on strike there is a bad atmosphere for months afterwards.

LUIS: Yes.

PAULA: So, unless you can come to an agreement with the workers soon, there is going to be a lot of trouble ahead. If you _____ (want) my advice, be very careful.

LUIS: Look, don't worry.

PAULA: Don't worry?

LUIS: Yes. Look, the workers know that the success of the company depends on this new model. Unless they _____ (be) stupid, they _____ (not go) on strike.

PAULA: Oh?

LUIS: Now, just imagine – if it _____ (sell) really well, we _____ (increase) our market share and our profits. If that _____ (happen), we _____ (not need) to make so many job cuts. And if we _____ (not have) to cut jobs, the trade unions _____ (be) much happier.

PAULA: Well, I suppose you've got a point.

Exercise 4. You are talking to a friend about your new job. Use your thoughts to complete the sentences you say. Put the verb in brackets into either present simple, past simple, will + infinitive or would + infinitive. USE FULL FORMS, e.g., will go, will not go ..., would not go...

You think: I want to show them that I'm good at my job so that I can have more job security.

You say: I hope that if I _____ (do) my best, they _____ (give) me a permanent contract after a few months.

You think: I've been late in the morning a few times. I wish I could work at the Leiria site which is nearer my home.

You say: I'm sometimes late for work. If I _____ (work) at the Leiria site, it _____ (not be) such a problem.

You think: One thing worries me. I had a health problem a few years ago, but it's very unlikely that it will reoccur.

You say: I wonder what _____ (happen) if my health problem _____ (reoccur).