

CONDITIONAL SENTENCES



If mum doesn't give us any money, we will not buy the tickets

if-clause

main clause

Unless mum gives us some money, we will not buy the tickets

if-clause

main clause

Unless = if ... not

We won't go to the beach if the weather is cold tomorrow

Unless the weather is hot / isn't cold tomorrow, we won't go to the beach

TYPES

0 → GENERAL TRUTHS, FACTS

what's always true

'If you heat ice, it melts' 'If I go to bed late, I get tired'

if-clause

main clause

present simple

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1 → REAL SITUATIONS

likely to happen

'If you call me, I will go with you'

if-clause

main clause

present simple

will + infinitive

2 → HYPOTHETICAL/UNREAL SITUATIONS

NOT
likely to happen

'If I won the lottery, I would buy a new and bigger house'

if-clause

main clause

past simple

would + infinitive (cond simp)

3 → HYPOTHETICAL PAST SITUATIONS

impossible to
happen

'If I had won the lottery, I would have bought a new house'

if-clause

main clause

past perfect

would have + 3rd column

WISHES and REGRETS OJALÁ..

- to express **WISHES** we use 'I WISH' followed by past simple

'I wish you bought me a present for my birthday. It would be perfect!'

'I wish I were younger and taller...'

- to express **REGRETS** we use 'I WISH' followed by past perfect

'I wish you had bought me a present for my birthday. It would have been a perfect day!'

'I wish I had been younger and taller...'

Complete the exercise with the correct conditional type and verb tense

1. If the weather (be) fine tomorrow, we (go) to the seaside. TYPE 1
2. Mary (not buy) the costumes if her mum (not give) her the money. TYPE 1
3. If you (travel) by coach instead of by train, you (arrive) in time to the meeting. TYPE 3
4. Don't come back without the tickets, if you (not find) them, we (have) a big argument! TYPE 1
5. (you / can) sign our petition if you were interested enough?
6. (you / help) me finish my English project if I (pay) you for it? TYPE 2
11. If it (rain) tomorrow, we (not go) on the school trip. TYPE 1
12. Dylan and Patrick (attend) the meeting if we (call) them now. TYPE 2
13. If Jake is successful in his new job, they (give) him some extra money. TYPE 1
14. We (play) the game tomorrow unless it (rain) TYPE 1
15. What (your parents / say) if you (not do) well in your exams? TYPE 1
16. What (your parents / say) if you (not do) well in your exams? TYPE 2
17. What (your parents / say) if you (not do) well in your exams? TYPE 3
18. Unless it (be) sunny this weekend, we (stay) at home. TYPE 1
19. I'm pretty sure he (win) the race unless he (fall) over. TYPE 1

WRITING

Imagine you are stranded on a desert island. What would you take with you? Why?

e.g. "If I took a torch with me, I wouldn't be afraid of darkness"
