INVERSIONS IN CONDITIONAL SENTENCES

Well, if inversions are not enough to suffer, you will suffer from inversions IN conditionals ☹

We have already seen this structure before, they appeared in some parts of the test, this year it will also appear. ☹

There are only three cases in which you can apply an inversion to a conditional, let's see:

Example one:

If you see her, say hello. (to add more **emphasis and also politeness**)

For that we will replace **IF** with the modal **SHOULD**

SHOULD you **see** her, say hello

Second one:

If he were my friend, I would kick him.

WERE he my friend, I would kick him. (mainly in written English)

Third one:

If I had understood what you meant, I would have acted differently.

Had I understood what you meant, I would have acted differently

(This version is more emphatic, stylish and distant)

PRACTISE

a. If you should need any help with your essay, please let me know.
   Should
b. If I were the winner of the national lottery, I would no longer work.
   Were
c. If you had told me she was coming, it wouldn't have happened.
   Had you
d. If my parents should need me, I will go with them at once.
   Should
e. If I were in your place, I would never let her go out with that boy.
   Were

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