

Grammar Second, third and mixed conditionals



1 Match the sentences (1–8) with the type of conditional (a–d).

- 1 If he'd spoken to an advisor, he could have invested his money in a safer industry.
- 2 We wouldn't have such good results if we didn't take some risks.
- 3 If the shareholders hadn't agreed to their proposals, the company wouldn't be as successful.
- 4 If it weren't so difficult to raise funds, we'd have opened another branch by now.
- 5 Their shareholders would have been upset if they'd made further losses.
- 6 He might have his own business now if he'd taken a few more risks.
- 7 She wouldn't have been promoted if she wasn't such a great team leader.
- 8 If you attended the meetings you might understand the issues.

- a Second conditional —, —
- b Third conditional —, —
- c Mixed conditional (present consequence of past action) —, —
- d Mixed conditional (past consequence of present situation) —, —



2 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences. Use the meaning as a guide.

- 1 There wouldn't ___ a financial crisis if the banks had cooperated.
a have be b had been c have been
- 2 If he ___ some risks, he wouldn't own such a unique company.
a has taken b hadn't taken c would take
- 3 You could have gone to university if you ___ your exams.
a had passed b would have passed c have had past
- 4 If you listened to his advice, you ___ something.
a would have learned b might learn c had learned
- 5 We wouldn't ___ scientists if we weren't keen on experiments.
a have become b had become c became
- 6 If they ___ more research, they wouldn't have lost all their savings.
a could do b might have done c had done



3 Cross out the mistake in each sentence and write the correction.

- 1 He would have won the Economics prize if he wasn't so good at statistics.

- 2 If we hadn't employed the right people, we weren't where we are today.

- 3 If house prices didn't crash, there wouldn't be a financial crisis. _____
- 4 We could only take on more risk if we would be promised higher returns.

- 5 If your organisation hadn't become so popular on social media, it doesn't have had such a positive impact. _____