

Conditionals

alternatives to *if*

► **GRAMMAR** REFERENCE p.166

1 Look at the examples from the listening text and answer the questions.

Unless we're very organised, it's hard to arrange to go out.

1 Do they need to be organised in order to see each other?

Even if we haven't seen each other for a while, we can catch up really easily.

2 Does it matter if they don't see each other often?

As long as we plan ahead, it's fine.

3 Is it essential for them to plan ahead?

We don't go to football matches together. Otherwise, we'd end up arguing.

4 Would they argue if they went to a football match together?

2 Choose the correct word or phrase.

- Unless/As long as* you make an effort, it's too easy to lose touch with old friends.
- I text my boyfriend every day. *Otherwise/Provided that* he gets upset.
- I want to invite all my friends to the party, *even if/whether* they can't all come.
- Provided that/Unless* I know some people who are going, I don't mind going to parties on my own.
- I don't know *whether/if* or not to talk to him about the problem.

3 Which word or phrase from Activity 2

- means *if not*?
- is used instead of *if* before infinitives?
- means *despite the fact that*?
- is quite formal?
- means *in a different situation*?
- means the same as *as long as*?

Use of English

key word transformations (Part 4)

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EXAM TIP

A range of grammatical structures and vocabulary may be tested. There will usually be two things you have to change in each answer.

4 For questions 1–6, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

- I'll phone you tonight if it isn't too late when I get home.
UNLESS
I'll phone you tonight too late.
- He will do anything for you, whether he likes you or not.
EVEN
He will do anything for you like you.
- Unless it's raining, I'll wait for you outside the cinema.
LONG
As raining, I'll wait for you outside the cinema.
- We couldn't go to the party because of the snow.
HAVE
If it hadn't been snowing, we to the party.
- We should finish by four o'clock but it means we can't take a break for lunch.
PROVIDED
We should finish by four o'clock take a break for lunch.
- Depending on the traffic, I might be a bit late.
WHETHER
I might be a bit late any traffic.