

Conditionals

alternatives to *if*

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

3 Is it essential for them to plan ahead?

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

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.

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.