

# 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      except that      = a no ser que / a menos que

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

'If you heat ice, it melts'

'If I go to bed late, I get tired'

what's always true

if-clause

main clause

present simple

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### 1 → REAL SITUATIONS

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

likely to happen

if-clause

main clause

present simple

will + infinitive

### 2 → HYPOTHETICAL/UNREAL SITUATIONS

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

NOT  
likely to happen

if-clause

main clause

past simple

would + infinitive

### 3 → HYPOTHETICAL PAST SITUATIONS

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

impossible to  
happen

if-clause

main clause

past perfect

would have + 3rd column

## WISHES and REGRETS

- to express **WISHES** we use the past simple tense with 'I WISH'

'I wish you bought me a present for my birthday'

'I wish I were younger and taller'

- to express **REGRETS** we use the past perfect tense with 'I WISH'

'I wish you had bought me a present for my birthday'

'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 3
3. If you (travel) \_\_\_\_\_ by coach instead of by train, you (arrive) \_\_\_\_\_ in time to the meeting. TYPE 2
4. Don't come back without the tickets, if you (not find) \_\_\_\_\_ them, there (be) \_\_\_\_\_ bad consequences. TYPE 1
5. (you / sign) \_\_\_\_\_ our petition if you're interested enough? TYPE 1
6. If I (lie) \_\_\_\_\_ on the sofa, I (fall) \_\_\_\_\_ asleep. TYPE 1
7. (you / help) \_\_\_\_\_ me finish my English project if I (pay) \_\_\_\_\_ you for it? TYPE 1
8. If it (rain) \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow, we (not go) \_\_\_\_\_ on the school trip. TYPE 1 TYPE 2  
TYPE 3
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.
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  
TYPE 2
16. Unless it (be) \_\_\_\_\_ sunny this weekend, we (stay) \_\_\_\_\_ at home. TYPE 1
17. He (win) \_\_\_\_\_ the race unless he (fall) \_\_\_\_\_ over. TYPE 1

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

e.g. 'I would take a torch with me, if I took a torch with me, I wouldn't be afraid of darkness'

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