Inversion of Conditionals



I Conditional (Real Present: Possible & Probable)

Should + subj. + infinitive + will/may/can/should + infinitive OR imperative

~~If~~ it **rains**, we'll stay indoors.

Should it **rain**, we'll stay indoors.

~~If~~ you **have finished** the book, give it to me.

Should you **finish** the book, give it to me.



II Conditional (Unreal Present: Possible but Improbable)

Were + subj. + (to - infinitive) + would/might/could + infinitive

~~If~~ I were you, I'd tell her the truth.

Were I you, I'd tell here the truth.

~~If~~ I won the lottery, I'd travel the world

Were I **to win** the lottery, I'd travel the world.



III Conditional (Unreal Past: Impossible)

Had + Subj. + past participle + would/might/could + have + past participle

~~If~~ he hadn't robbed the bank, he wouldn't have gone to prison.

Had he **not robbed** the bank, he wouldn't have gone to prison

A. Invert the following conditionals:

1. If you're studying, turn off the TV.

   _____

2. If I were you, I'd go to the doctor.

   _____

3. If she'd paid her phone bill, her mobile wouldn't have been cut off.

   _____

4. If you go to Athens, you must see the Acropolis.

   _____

5. If he studied harder, he'd have better marks.

   _____

6. If they'd asked us, we would've helped them.

   _____

7. If he bought a car, he'd be more mobile.

   _____

B. Choose the correct answer:

1. _____ for you, I wouldn't be here now.
   a. Should it not b. Were it not c. Were it

2. _____ need me, don't hesitate to phone.
   a. Should you b. Were you c. If be

3. _____ for his help, Id be destitute now.
   a. But without b. Had it not been c. Were it

4. _____ make a mistake, they'd fire me.
   a. If I'd b. Should I c. Were I to

5. _____ known, we'd have planned a party.
   a. Had we b. Were we c. Should we

6. _____ my best friend, I wouldn't forgive him.
   a. Had he not be b. Weren't he for c. Were he not

7. Should _____to phone, tell her I'm not here.
   a. it happen b. Jane happen c. happen Jane

8. Only if he asks _____ tell him about the letter.
   a. be it b. should you c. were you

C. Complete the sentences with your own ideas.



1. Should you go to London,_____
2. Should you meet Laurence, _____
3. Had you booked a table at the restaurant,_____
4. Were Alex not so selfish, _____
5. Had Marisa watered the plants, _____
6. Were he in my shoes, _____
7. Had you followed my advice, _____
8. Were it not for his money, _____
9. Had we known, _____
10. Were you to see a doctor, _____

D. Choose the correct answer.



1. "Pinar said she'd call us today."
"Well, _____ call while I'm out, give her my love."
a. if she were b. if she'd c. should she d. were she



2. "Ana used to be a really good tennis player."
"_____ it up, she still would be."
a. Didn't she give b. Won't she have given c. Had she not given d. Wouldn't she give



3. "Did Orit see the burglar?"
"No, _____ , she would've reported it immediately."
a. Had she b. Were she c. Should she d. Will she



4. _____ more careful, he wouldn't be in hospital now.
a. Had he to be b. Had he been c. Were he to be d. Should he be

5. _____ early, no one will be here to meet them.
a. They arrive b. If they arrived c. Will they arrive d. Should they arrive



6. _____ , Victoria would stay at home and prepare some worksheets.
a. Had it rained b. Only if it rains c. Were it to rain d. Whether it rains

7. _____ known, Jelena would've helped you out.
a. If she have b. If she not c. Had she d. She wished she had



8. _____ better stop talking and finish your homework?
a. Hadn't you b. Shouldn't you c. Wouldn't be d. Would you



9. "Tuba's pleased you remembered her birthday."
"_____ called, I would've forgotten."
a. If you didn't b. Were you not c. Had it been you d. Had you not



10. "Did Gitte help Mario with his essay?"
"_____ , he wouldn't have had had any ideas."
a. Having not b. Had she not c. She hadn't helped him d. Hadn't she help