

Adverb clauses of condition

In the event (that) and (just) in case also introduce a condition on which another situation depends. In the event (that) is more formal.

In the event that a replacement cannot be found, you'll have to take on extra responsibilities.
Here's a number to call **just in case** the copy machine breaks down.

Whether or not is used instead of if to introduce a condition on which another situation depends. Or not is placed directly after whether or at the end of the clause.

Whether or not it involves travel, I'm going to have to take this job.
Whether it involves travel **or not**, I'm going to have to take this job.

Even if introduces a condition which, if it is true, doesn't affect the outcome of a situation. It is frequently used with still.

I'm **(still)** going to call in sick tomorrow **even if** I'm not actually sick.

If only introduces a condition that the speaker strongly wishes to be true.

If only I had known about that job opening, I would have applied for it immediately.

1 Match the clauses to make logical conditional sentences.

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| 1. If only I hadn't insulted my boss, <u>e</u> | a. here's a copy for your files. |
| 2. Whether you feel happy inside or not, ____ | b. I wouldn't have to spend so much money on suits. |
| 3. Even if you have great leadership skills, ____ | c. you'll likely be promoted to fill her position. |
| 4. Just in case you didn't get the memo, ____ | d. I'm still going to take a job with another firm. |
| 5. If only I could wear casual clothes to work, ____ | e. I'm sure he wouldn't have fired me. |
| 6. Whether or not the schedule is flexible, ____ | f. the manager wants you to smile for the customers. |
| 7. Even if my company offers me a raise, ____ | g. you can't be forced to work more than 40 hours a week. |
| 8. In the event that the manager retires, ____ | h. you still have to earn the workers' respect. |

2 Choose the expression that best completes the sentence.

1. Just in case / *If only* I have to go on a business trip this week, I've kept my schedule open.
2. *Even if* / *Assuming that* the weather is nice, this weekend's company picnic should be fun.
3. *In the event that* / *Whether or not* I receive training, I'm still not confident in my abilities.
4. *Even if* / *If only* I were in charge of hiring people, I'd give everybody a pay raise.
5. *Provided that* / *Just in case* employees do what is required, salaries are increased every year.