



Conditional Sentences



Conditional sentences

Conditional sentences have two parts, a condition and a result.

- If you work here, your evenings will be free.
-----condition----- -----result-----
- Your evenings will be free if you work here.
----- result----- -----condition-----

When the “if” part comes second, there’s no comma.

The condition part usually starts with “if”. Different kinds of conditional sentences use different tenses.

Zero conditional:

We use this for things which are generally true:

If + present + present

- If they don’t give us food, we’ll get annoyed.
- We’ll get annoyed if they don’t give us food.

When

“when” does not mean the same as ‘if’

- When I have 1000 dollars, I’ll buy a new guitar. (I’ll certainly have 1000 dollars one day and then I’ll buy a guitar)

First conditional

We use this to talk about possible situations:

If + present+ future

If we save 300 dollars, we’ll go on our holiday trip.

We’ll go on our holiday trip if we save 300 dollars.

Unless

"Unless" means 'if not'. We use it with zero and first conditionals:

- Unless I phone you tomorrow, you'll start at seven o'clock.
(If I don't phone you tomorrow, you'll start at seven o'clock)

Second conditional

We use this for imaginary situations, which we believe are nearly or completely impossible.

If + past + would + infinitive

- If I had time, I'd (would) go to the play (but I haven't got time, so I can't go to the play).
- If I didn't feel sick, I'd take the dog out for a walk (but I feel very sick so I can't take the dog out).

Or we can put the condition after the result.

Would + infinitive + if + past.

- I'd go to the play if I had time.
- I'd take the dog out if I didn't feel sick.

The verb in the "if part" of the sentence is in the past tense, although its meaning is present or future.

We often use "were" instead of "was" after "if" I/he/she/it.

If I were (was) you, I would yell at him.

I wish

We use I wish + past for a wish about a present situation:

- I wish I had more free time. (But I don't)
- I wish I wasn't so tired. (But I am)
- I wish I could speak German. (But I can't)

We use a past tense, although we are talking about now.

We often use "were" instead of "was" after I/he/she/it:

- I wish you were here. (But you're not)

PRACTICE BANK

A. Read this conversation and underline "if" or "when".

Laura	I'm going to walk to the station to catch the London train.
Dane	But it may rain. Why not get a taxi?
Laura	Don't worry, I'll use my umbrella (1) if/when it rains.
Dane	Well, hurry up! (2) If/when you don't leave now, the train will go without you.
Laura	Ok. I'm going. Goodbye.
Dane	Will you phone me (3) if/when you arrive in London?
Laura	I'll try to phone you from the hotel (4) if/when I have time before my first meeting.
Dane	Leave a message (5) if/when I'm not in. I might be at the shops.
Laura	Ok, goodbye.

B. Complete each sentence with your own idea.

1. If you work here, you _____ (earn) a lot of money.
2. If I could fly, I _____ (go) to a lot of places.
3. If you heat water, it _____ (boil).
4. If you go out, you _____ (be punished).
5. If I had time, I _____ (travel) a lot.
6. If I had had enough money, I _____ (go) to France.
7. If you help me with my homework, I _____ (help) with yours.
8. If I become president, I _____ (change) the whole country.
9. If I get good marks, I _____ (get) a car.
10. If you see Lucy, _____ (tell) her I love her.

C. Complete each sentence with the correct form of a verb from the box.

become buy die eat not enjoy give learn make take tell

1. If you're tired, I _____ some coffee for you.
2. These flowers _____ if you forget to water them.
3. Most students _____ faster if they work with a partner.
4. We _____ some fruit if we go to the market this afternoon.
5. If you don't want your food, my cat _____ it.
6. The bus driver _____ us when we reach our stop if we ask him.
7. Children _____ school if the lessons are boring.
8. My boyfriend's parents _____ him a car if he finds a proper job.
9. If people don't get enough sleep, they _____ ill.
10. I _____ you to the cinema if you help me finish this exercise.

D. Fill in the gaps so that the second sentence means the same as the first.

1. I'll give you a lift unless you want to walk.
I'll give you a lift if _____ want to walk.
2. I get up early if I'm not ill.
I get up early _____ I'm ill.
3. No one will see us if we don't put the light on.
No one will see us _____ we put the light on.
4. I'll go to the disco unless I have a headache.
I _____ to the disco if I have a headache.
5. I don't sleep well if I'm worried about something.
I sleep well _____ I'm worried about something.
6. I'll go partying unless I'm tired.
I'll go partying if _____ tired.

E. Read the first sentence in each pair, then complete the advice in the second sentence (second conditional).

1. You don't talk to people at parties. You would enjoy parties if you _____ to people.
2. You should practise dancing. You'd be a good dancer if you _____.
3. You eat too much bread. You wouldn't feel bloated if you _____ too much bread.
4. You never give presents to your family. You would be more appreciated if you _____ presents to your family.
5. You make jokes about your friends. If you _____ jokes about your friends, they would like you better.
6. You wear your school shirt at weekends. If you _____ your school shirt at weekends, you'd look better.

F. Read the first sentence in each pair, then complete the advice in the second sentence.

1. You don't revise before exams so you don't get good marks. You _____ good marks if you revised before exams.
2. You drink coffee after supper and then you can't sleep well. You _____ well if you didn't drink coffee after supper.
3. You don't wear a warm coat and you often catch colds. If you wore a warm coat, you _____ colds so often.
4. You spend all your money on clothes so you don't have any for books. You _____ enough money for books if you didn't spend it all on clothes.
5. You lose things because you never tidy your room. You _____ things if you tidied your room.
6. You're late every morning because you spend hours in the shower. If you didn't spend hours in the shower, you _____ late every morning.

- G. Joel is Tony's older brother. Tony is jealous of Joel. Read what Tony says and then complete the sentences below.

Joel is handsome, but I'm not. He has straight dark hair, but mine is light brown and curly. He works in a sports club. He earns lots of money and owns a motorbike. He lives in the city centre, but I live in a village with my parents. He's twenty-two and I'm only thirteen and a half. When I'm twenty-two I want to be like Joel.

1. I wish I _____ handsome.

2. I wish I _____ curly hair.

3. I wish I _____ in a sports club.

4. I wish I _____ lots of money.

5. I wish I _____ in a village.

6. I wish I _____ a motorbike.

7. I wish I _____ thirteen and a half.



So do I – Neither do I



So do I / neither do I

We use 'so do I' to say that a positive sentence is also true for us, and we use 'neither do I' to say that a negative sentence is also true for us.

- John: I hate vegetables.
- Me: so do I (= I also hate vegetables)
- Liz: I don't live in Rome.
- Me: neither do I (= I also don't live in Rome. For example, maybe Lucy and I both live in Paris).

Present simple:

Use do/does

- Liz likes coffee. So do I.
- Liz doesn't like coffee. Neither do I.

Present simple with be:

Use am/is/are

- James is at the office. So am I.
- James isn't at the office. Neither am I.

Present continuous:

Uses am/is/are

- Luke's going out tonight. So am I.
- Luke isn't going out tonight. Neither am I.

Past simple:

Use did

- Amy went to the cinema yesterday. So did I.
- Amy didn't go to the cinema yesterday. Neither did I.

Past simple with be:

Use was/were

- She was at the library. So was I.
- She wasn't at the library. Neither was I.

Present perfect:

Use have/has

They've been to Canada. So have I.

They haven't been to Canada. Neither have I.

Future simple:

Use will

Edward will be at the café later. So will I.

	Edward won't be at the café later. Neither will I.
Modal verbs:	He would like a cup of tea. So would I.
Repeat the modal verb	He wouldn't like a cup of tea. Neither would I.
	Lucas can speak German. So can I.
	Lucas can't speak German. Neither can I.

PRACTICE BANK

- A. You're having a conversation with Milena. What she says is true for you too. Put in 'so --- I' or 'neither --- I', choosing which auxiliary verb you need.**

Milena	Me
1. Sarah loves chocolate.	
2. I can't play the piano.	
3. Kate is French.	
4. She isn't coming to the party.	
5. Liz will come early tomorrow.	
6. I have to study this weekend.	
7. Paul lives in Madrid.	
8. He doesn't have any brothers or sisters.	
9. I'm going shopping.	
10. I won't have a pizza just now.	

B. Complete the following with "so" or "neither".

1. Andrea likes to drink strawberry juice. _____ do I.
2. "I can't eat broccoli". " _____ can I".
3. Kevin is good at sports. _____ am I.
4. "I don't like tea with milk". " _____ do I".
5. "I don't eat sushi". " _____ do I".
6. "I can't swim under water for too long". " _____ can I".
7. My sister went to the theatre yesterday. _____ did I.

C. Complete the following with the correct form of the verb.

1. A: I have got a lot of books. B: So _____.
2. A: I didn't go to the theatre last month. B: So _____.
3. A: I don't like action movies. B: So _____.
4. A: I have forgotten my password. (have) B: So _____.
5. A: I haven't kissed my boyfriend yet. (have) B: So _____.
6. A: I will go to the new exhibition of arts and culture. (be) B: So _____.
7. A: I can't travel without my passport. B: So _____.
8. A: I just finished playing guitar. (have) B: So _____.
9. A: I was very good at swimming as a kid. (be) B: So _____.
10. A: I love extreme sports. (do) B: So _____.

D. Complete the following with the correct form of agreement using the words given. E.g. I like pizza. (Julia) → So, does Julia.

1. I can't drink coke at all. (Harry)
2. I love chocolate milk. (my sister)
3. I am tall, and handsome. (my brother)
4. I haven't seen that movie. (Carly)
5. I don't like metal music. (my neighbour)
6. I wrote a poem for my girlfriend. (Matthew)
7. I have read all his books. (Lucy)
8. We are disappointed. (Sue)
9. We haven't met Ray yet. (Nate)
10. We can't speak Japanese. (our friends)

E. Add a response to the statements 1-8 using "so" or "neither" according to the + or – symbol.

1. I love using my imagination to tell a story! +
2. I can't play the drums properly. –
3. I'm not in the mood for parties. –
4. We couldn't go to the restaurant last night. –
5. We went to the jazz concert yesterday. +
6. I had a great night's sleep. I feel very energetic! +
7. We couldn't see the band from our position. –
8. I really enjoy watching comedy movies. +

F. Correct the mistakes in the sentences/dialogues below.

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| 1. A: I've got so much energy – I want to go to the gym!
B: Neither do I! |
| 2. A: She's very smart – I think she'll get good marks in her exams.
B: So will she. |
| 3. A: We don't feel tired at all after the marathon.
B: So do we! |
| 4. A: He's such a good friend!
B: So do you! |
| 5. A: I wish I could win the lottery!
B: So will I. |
| 6. A: I want to study medicine at university.
B: So did my sister. |
| 7. A: My mum doesn't like wrestling.
B: So do I. |
| 8. A: I went to the grocery store yesterday.
B: Neither do I. |
| 9. A: Maria won't like playing in this field.
B: Neither do I. |
| 10. A: I think I like you.
B: Neither do I. |