

CONDITIONAL SENTENCES: MIXED TYPES

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct forms.



1 I've hung out the clothes. It's lovely and sunny; if it _____ (stay) like this they _____ (be) dry in two hours.

2 French is essential in this job. All the receptionists speak it. If they _____ (not know) French they _____ (not understand) half the callers.

3 - How did you do in the car rally?

- We came in last actually; but only because we got lost. If we _____ (not got) lost we _____ (come) in somewhere in the middle. We certainly _____ (not be) last.

4 We had a lot of trouble putting the tent up. If it _____ (not be) so windy perhaps it _____ (not be) so difficult.

5 This flat would be all right if the people above us _____ (not be) so noisy.

6 A group of spectators, including myself, left the stand just before the end of the game. When we were half way down the stairs a goal was scored and there was a great cheer from the spectators. If there _____ (not be) a goal the crowd _____ (not cheer). If the crowd _____ (not cheer) we _____ (not run) back up the stairs to see what had happened. If we _____ (not run) back we _____ (not crash) into the rest of the spectators on their way down, and there _____ (not be) this frightful accident.

7 If the pain _____ (return) you'd better take another pill.

8 If you aren't going to live in the house why don't you sell it? If I _____ (have) a house I couldn't use I _____ (sell) it at once.

9 Tell him to bring his bicycle inside. If he _____ (leave) it outside someone _____ (steal) it.

Second Conditional

USE FOR
UNREAL / HYPOTHETICAL SITUATIONS
IN THE PRESENT OR FUTURE

If *I were* a cat,
I would sleep all day.
IF + I/He/She/it+WAS/WERE
+WOULD+Bare Infinitive



If the dog *liked* me,
I might like him too.
IF + PAST SIMPLE, MIGHT
+ BARE INFINITIVE



If *you were* a cat,
what *would you do*?
IF + you/we/they+WERE +
WOULD + Bare infinitive



If I *lived* with a girl,
I could play with her shoes.
IF + PAST SIMPLE+ COULD
+ BARE INFINITIVE



10 Why do people always wear dark clothes at night? If pedestrians _____ (wear) light-colored clothes drivers _____ (see) them much more easily.

11 She must have loved him very much because she waited for him for fifteen years. If she _____ (not love) him she _____ (not wait) so long.

12 He looked so small and weak that nobody asked him to do anything. If he _____ (look) strong he _____ (be) expected to dig all day like everyone else.

13 We'll have to break the ice on the pond; otherwise the ducks _____ (not be able) to swim. And if they _____ (not be able) to swim they _____ (not be able) to get food.

14 The only thing I haven't got is a balcony. If I _____ (have) a balcony I _____ (grow) plants in pots. Then my flat _____ (be) perfect!

15 When he left school, he became a fisherman. His family didn't like it at all. They _____ (be) much happier if he _____ (become) a greengrocer like his father. They still say that if he _____ (go) into the greengrocery business when he left school he _____ (be) comfortably off now instead of being poor. But he says that if he _____ (have) his life again he _____ (make) the same choice.