

Notice that with inverted negative conditionals, we can't use contractions:

If she doesn't phone soon, we'll have to leave

*Should she not phone soon, we'll have to leave.*

NOT ~~Shouldn't she phone, ...~~

If he wasn't a diplomat, he wouldn't have immunity.

*Were he not a diplomat, he wouldn't have immunity.*

NOT ~~Weren't he a diplomat, ...~~

If he hadn't told me himself, I'd never have believed him.

*Had he not told me himself, I'd never have believed him.*

NOT ~~Hadn't he told me himself, ...~~

**Transform these negative conditional sentences using inversion.**

1. If the data had not been incomplete, the analysis would have yielded more reliable results.

\_\_\_\_\_ *incomplete, the analysis would have yielded more reliable results.*

2. If the client does not approve the final draft by tomorrow, the launch will be delayed.

\_\_\_\_\_ *the final draft by tomorrow, the launch will be delayed.*

3. If the IT team had not resolved the issue promptly, the system would have experienced a major failure.

\_\_\_\_\_ *the issue promptly, the system would have experienced a major failure.*

4. If the weather had not deteriorated so rapidly, the outdoor event would have taken place as planned.

\_\_\_\_\_ *so rapidly, the outdoor event would have taken place as planned.*

5. If the applicant does not submit the required documents, their application will be rejected.

\_\_\_\_\_ *the required documents, their application will be rejected.*

6. If the department had not overlooked the error, significant losses could have been prevented.

\_\_\_\_\_ *the error, significant losses could have been prevented.*

7. If the guidelines were not so restrictive, departments would have more operational flexibility.

\_\_\_\_\_ *so restrictive, departments would have more operational flexibility.*

8. If the weather does not improve by this evening, the event will be postponed.

\_\_\_\_\_ *by this evening, the event will be postponed.*

9. If the board had not approved the proposal, the project would have been abandoned.  
\_\_\_\_\_ the proposal, the project would have been abandoned.
10. If the company does not meet safety regulations, it will face significant penalties.  
\_\_\_\_\_ safety regulations, it will face significant penalties.
11. If the supplier does not confirm the shipment today, production will come to a halt.  
\_\_\_\_\_ the shipment today, production will come to a halt.
12. If the report were not so lengthy, more people would be willing to read it.  
\_\_\_\_\_ so lengthy, more people would be willing to read it.
13. If the contract terms were not so vague, disputes could be avoided.  
\_\_\_\_\_ so vague, disputes could be avoided.
14. If the supplier had not failed to meet the deadline, production would have remained on schedule.  
\_\_\_\_\_ to meet the deadline, production would have remained on schedule.
15. If the client had not withdrawn their application, they would have been shortlisted for the position.  
\_\_\_\_\_ their application, they would have been shortlisted for the position.
16. If participants do not arrive on time, they will not be admitted to the session.  
\_\_\_\_\_ on time, they will not be admitted to the session.
17. If the manager were not so dismissive of feedback, staff morale would improve.  
\_\_\_\_\_ so dismissive of feedback, staff morale would improve.
18. If the deadline were not so unrealistic, the team would deliver better results.  
\_\_\_\_\_ so unrealistic, the team would deliver better results.
19. If the building were not so old, renovation costs would be lower.  
\_\_\_\_\_ so old, renovation costs would be lower.
20. If the situation were not so complex, a solution would be easier to find.  
\_\_\_\_\_ so complex, a solution would be easier to find.
21. If the system does not process the payment by noon, the order will be automatically cancelled.  
\_\_\_\_\_ the payment by noon, the order will be automatically cancelled.