



Grammar 2

Conditionals: mixed conditionals

1 Read about mixed conditionals.

A mixed conditional is where the clauses in a conditional sentence refer to different times. We can use a mixed conditional to express the present result of a hypothetical past event or situation.

If I hadn't missed the bus, I would be at work now. (= I missed the bus, so I'm not at work yet.)

2 Read this sentence. Which tenses does it use? Did Nick shout at his boss? Is he a manager now?

If Nick hadn't shouted at his boss, he would be a manager now.

Read 8.5 of the Grammar Reference before you do the tasks.

3 Choose the correct answers to complete the mixed conditional sentences.

- 1 If Maria hadn't lost her job,
 - a she wouldn't have felt so bad right now.
 - b she wouldn't feel so bad right now.
- 2 If Nia hadn't gossiped about her colleagues,
 - a they would still like her.
 - b they would have still liked her.
- 3 If I had taken the job at the travel agent's,
 - a I would be in Greece right now.
 - b I would have been in Greece right now.
- 4 Todd would be wealthy
 - a if he hadn't given away all his money.
 - b if he hasn't given away all his money.
- 5 If we had had an interest in technology,
 - a we will have careers as technicians.
 - b we would have careers as technicians.



4 Complete the mixed conditional sentences.

1 The candidate wore dirty jeans to his interview, so he doesn't work here now.

If the candidate _____ dirty jeans to his interview, he _____ here now.

2 Her boss gave her a company car, so she doesn't take the bus every day.

If her boss _____ her a company car, she _____ the bus every day.

3 We didn't go to the meeting, so we don't know about the new pension plan.

If we _____ to the meeting, we _____ about the new pension plan.

4 We saved enough money, so we are able to set up our own business.

If we _____ enough money, we _____ our own business.

5 My boss didn't take me to Europe with her, so I'm here in the office today.

If my boss _____ me to Europe with her, I _____ here in the office today.

6 They didn't buy the business, so they aren't wealthy now.

If they _____ the business, they _____ wealthy now.

7 I was late for work again, so Mr Banes is angry with me.

If I _____ late for work again, Mr Banes _____ angry with me.

8 She accepted the job offer, so she works here now.

If she _____ the job offer, she _____ here now.