CONDITIONALS

	If-clause (hypothesis)	Main clause (result clause)	Use
Type 1 real present	**If + any present form (Present S., Present Cont. or Present Perfect)**	**Future/Imperative can/may/might/must/should + bare inf/Present Simple**	**true or likely to happen in the present or future**
	*If the weather **is** nice, we **will go** on an excursion.* *If you **have done** your homework, you **can watch** TV.* *If you **have** a headache, **take** an aspirin.*		
Type 2 unreal present	**If + Past Simple or Past Continuous**	**would/could/might + bare infinitive**	**untrue in the present; also used to give advice**
	*If **I were** you, I **wouldn't speak** to him again. (advice)* *If he **didn't eat** so many sweets, he **wouldn't have** a problem with his teeth. (but he eats a lot of sweets - untrue in the present)*		
Type 3 unreal past	**If + Past Perfect or Past Perfect Continuous**	**would/could/might + have + past participle**	**imaginary situation contrary to facts in the past; also used to express regrets or criticism**
	*If she **had known** how to use the mixer, she **wouldn't have broken** it.*		

- **When the if-clause precedes the result clause, we separate the two clauses with a comma.** *If he had been more careful, he wouldn't have caused the accident. but: He wouldn't have caused the accident if he had been more careful. (no comma)*
- **Conditionals are usually introduced by if. Other expressions are: unless (=if not), providing, provided (that), as long as, in case, on condition (that), but for + -ing form/noun, otherwise, or else, what if, supposing, even if, only if.** ***Unless*** *you work more efficiently, you'll be fired.*
  *I will do it **only if** you promise not to tell anyone.*
- **After "if" we normally use were instead of was for all persons in conditionals type 2 in formal English.** *If I **were/was** you, I would tell her everything.*
- **We do not normally use will, would or should in if-clauses.** *If you **want** this, you can have it. (not: ~~if you will want.~~)* **However, will, would or should can be used in if-clauses to make a request or express annoyance, doubt/uncertainty or insistence.** *If he **should** come, show him in. (doubt/uncertainty - I doubt that he will come ...) If you **will/would** be more patient, I'll be with you in a minute. (request - Will you please be more patient?)*

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Exercise 1. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

1 If you ...*don't put up*... (not/put up) this shelf, you won't have anywhere to put your books. *(1st*
2 If he ..... (change) jobs, he would be a lot happier.
3 If I were you, I ..... (tell) her how you feel.
4 If you continue to shout so loudly, you ..... (wake up) the baby.
5 Even if he ..... (ask) them, they wouldn't have agreed to come.
6 Unless you ..... (feel) any better, you can take the rest of the day off.
7 If she ..... (not/threaten) him, he wouldn't have left.
8 I ..... (not/trust) him if I were you.
9 If you're patient for a few minutes, I ..... (be able) to finish this.
10 He ..... (not/go) with her if he had known she would behave so irresponsibly.

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Exercise 2. Rephrase the following, using the bracketed word or phrase.

1. Should you go to Rome, you must see the Colosseum.
(PROVIDING)……..
2. You can swim but there must be an adult with you.
(ON CONDITION THAT) ……
(UNLESS) ……..
3. Drive carefully so that you won't have an accident.
(AS LONG AS) ……..
(OTHERWISE) ……..
4. He will get a bonus if productivity increases.
(PROVIDED) ……..
5. I'll lend you the money, but you must pay me back soon.
(ONLY IF) ……..
(UNLESS) ……..
6. The fax machine is broken so I'll have to send it by post.
(IF) ……..
7. He cancelled his trip because he had run out of money.
(IF ONLY) ……..

Omission of "if"

If can be omitted in if-clauses. In this case should, were and had (Past Perfect) come before the subject. ***If he should*** *win the race, he'll be very happy.* ➡ ***Should he win*** *the race, he'll be very happy.*
If I were *you, I wouldn't tell him.* ➡ ***Were I*** *you, I wouldn't tell him.*
If I had known *the truth, I'd have called the police.* ➡ ***Had I known*** *the truth, I'd have called the police.*

Exercise 3. Rewrite the following sentences, omitting "IF".

1 If I were you, I would think twice before accepting his offer.
...*Were I you, I would think twice before accepting his offer.*
2 If you had brought more money with you, we could have gone on holiday.
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3 If I were you, I'd leave an hour earlier to be sure of getting there on time.
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4 If you get through to the theatre, could you reserve four tickets for tonight's performance?
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5 If you had paid the telephone bill on time, your phone wouldn't have been cut off.
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Mixed Conditionals

Type 2	*If I **were** you,* *(You are not me* *If he **were** a better driver,* *(He is not a good driver*	*I **would have accepted** the job.* *so you didn't accept the job.)* *he **wouldn't have crashed** the car.* *so he crashed the car.)*	Type 3
Type 3	*If she **had finished** earlier,* *(She didn't finish earlier*	*she **would be going** to the party tonight.* *so she isn't going to the party.)*	Type 2

Exercise 4. Rewrite the following as mixed conditionals as in the example.

1. He is not an honest person so he didn't tell the truth.

…If he were an honest person, he would have told the truth.

2. They were awake all night, so they are tired now.

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3. You didn't tell me earlier, so we are not going to the cinema tonight.

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4. She is so disorganized that she missed the deadline.

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5. He doesn't take his job seriously so he wasn't promoted.

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Exercise 5. Choose the best answer.

1. If it had rained one hour ago, the streets…… wet now.
   A. Would have be B. will be C. be D. would be
2. If I ……to the beach yesterday, I would be tired today.
   A. Have gone B. Goes C. had gone D. A and B
3. If they had gone to school yesterday, they.....to the museum now.
   A. Would go B. will go C. could go D. A and C
4. If he had done exercise last night, he……soccer right now.
   A. Will play B. can play C. plays D. could play.
5. If Nina had not gone out last week, she……die now.
   A. Will B. would C. could D. B and C
6. If I ……the same problem you had as a child, I might not have succeeded in life as well as you have.
   A. have B. would have C. had had D. should have
7. I ……you sooner had someone told me you were in the hospital.
   A. would have visited B. visited C. had visited D. visit
8. ……more help, I would call my neighbor.
   A. needed B. should I need C. I have needed D. I should need
9. ……then what I know yesterday, I would have saved myself a lot of time and trouble over the years.
   A. Had I known B. Did I know C. If I know D. If I would know
10. ……, I would have brought my friends over to your house yesterday to watch T.V, but I didn't want to bother you.
   A. Hadn't you studied B. If you studied
   C. Had you not studied D. Were you not to study

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