

Sentences with *if* – real conditionals

1 Complete the conversations with the best form of the words in brackets.

- 1 A What do you think is the secret to happiness?
B Well, lots of things. But I believe that if people have (have) a positive attitude towards everything, they generally _____ (feel) much happier.
A And what's the secret to a long life?
B As well as a positive attitude, if you _____ (exercise) regularly and _____ (be) careful about what you eat, you _____ (probably/live) longer.
- 2 A I think I need to improve my diet.
B Well, for a start, if you _____ (eat) at least five portions of fruit and vegetables each day, you _____ (start) to feel much healthier. And if you _____ (drink) lots of water all the time and less coffee and tea, you _____ (have) more energy.
- 3 A If you _____ (not/hurry), we _____ (not/get) to the cinema in time.
B OK, I'm getting ready as fast as I can. What _____ (happen) if we _____ (get) there after the film starts? Can we still get in?
A Well, yes. But what _____ (be) the point of going in if we _____ (miss) the beginning of the film?

Complete the second sentences so they mean the same as the first sentences.

- 1 You won't succeed if you don't make an effort.
You won't succeed unless you make an effort.
- 2 We'll get the bus unless we see a taxi first.
_____ if _____.
- 3 If you spend it wisely, money can buy happiness.
Unless _____.
- 4 We should arrive at about 3.30 unless we get delayed.
If _____.
- 5 You're not allowed in the club except if you're dressed smartly.
_____ unless _____.

Sentences with *if* – unreal conditionals

James wants some things in his life to be different.
Write conditional sentences using the prompts.

- 1 be richer → buy a bigger house
If I were richer, I'd buy a bigger house.
- 2 be younger → play more sports

- 3 have more time → read a lot more

- 4 not rain so much → be much happier

- 5 my job be not so boring → enjoy life more

- 6 not eat so much junk food → be much healthier

Rewrite sentences 1-6 in the conditional.

- 1 I can't buy a new mobile because I haven't got enough money.
If I had more money, I could buy a new mobile.
- 2 I can't go out tonight because I have to write a report.

- 3 Julia isn't here so we can't ask her to help.

- 4 We can't go skiing because there isn't enough snow.

- 5 I can't help you because I'm so busy.

- 6 I work such long hours and I'm always tired.

Sentences with *if* – unreal past

Rewrite the summary with conditional sentences to show how things might have been different.

Johnny didn't work hard at school. → He failed all his exams. → He didn't get a job. → He had no money. → He went back to school. → He went to university. → He got a good job.

- 1 If Johnny had worked hard at school, he wouldn't have failed all his exams.
- 2 If he hadn't failed his exams, _____
- 3 If _____
- 4 If _____
- 5 If _____
- 6 If _____

Reported speech

Rewrite the statements as reported speech.

- 1 'I'll watch the film with you.'
Tom said (that) he'd watch the film with us.
- 2 'We don't understand what the advert is selling.'
They said _____
- 3 'Marek watched TV all day.'
Joanna told us _____
- 4 'I think we're going to the cinema at the weekend.'
Sharon said _____
- 5 'We don't like action movies.'
Andrea and Pawel said _____
- 6 'I've seen this documentary before.'
Andy told me _____

The time and place references in these statements have now changed. Report the statements, changing the 'here and now' words.

- 1 'I saw this film last week.'
He said (that) he'd seen the film the week before/the previous week.
- 2 'We're having a meeting tomorrow.'
She told me _____
- 3 'I'm going to London this Monday.'
He said _____
- 4 'The award ceremony will be held here in the hotel.'
They announced _____

Rewrite the questions as reported questions.

- 1 'Where do you work?'
He asked where I worked.
- 2 'Do you live near Istanbul?'
She _____
- 3 'Have you lived there long?'
He _____
- 4 'Where did you go to university?'
She _____
- 5 'Can you give me some advice?'
He _____
- 6 'Will you help me later?'
He _____
- 7 'Have you ever read any Shakespeare?'
She _____
- 8 'What are you doing this evening?'
She _____