

Conditionals Practice

1) Read the grammar box. Match the uses (A-C) with the examples (1-3)

- A) _____
- B) _____
- C) _____

mixed conditionals

We can mix the basic types of conditionals when talking about different hypothetical situations that relate to different combinations of time frames.

We can use mixed conditionals to speculate about:

- A** the future result of a hypothetical situation in the past.
- B** the (possible) result in the present of a hypothetical action in the past.
- C** the past result of a hypothetical situation in the present.

- 1** If Tom Cruise **hadn't suffered** so much during his preparations, **would** the film **be** quite so riveting to audiences?
- 2** We **wouldn't have** so many wonderful actors to watch on our screen next year if Strasberg **hadn't developed** the method in such an (albeit subconscious) way.
- 3** We ask ourselves: If these **weren't** truly dedicated and talented actors, **would** they **have put** themselves through such ordeals?

alternative forms

- D** inversion: **Had he realised** what you were going to do, **he would have stopped** you.
- E** **should** to replace **if**. **Should you need** anything else, **don't hesitate** to ask.
- F** **were to** **If I were to accept** the offer, when **would you want** me to start work?

2) Write mixed-conditional sentences about these situations starting with *If*.

a) Last week I agreed to take on some extra work. Now I'm really stressed.

b) Jon doesn't like me very much. He didn't invite me to his party.

c) We're travelling to the airport by taxi tomorrow. The car broke down yesterday.

d) I'm not at home now. The teacher gave us a surprise test after school.

e) I didn't get the right grades. I won't be starting university next September.

f) Dad didn't get the heating fixed. It's freezing in my room right now!

3) Complete the blog with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Sometimes two answers are possible.



If you 1 _____ (never / hear) of cosplay, you 2 _____ (be) not alone. A few years back I 3 _____ (not have) a clue if you 4 _____ (ask) me. But the conventions are now an important part of my life. So, cosplay: what is it? Well, if you 5 _____ (go) back a few decades, you 6 _____ (find) the idea of recreating famous characters using costume and roleplaying was popular in the USA. If kids at that time 7 _____ (not buy) into the whole thing in such a big way, it 8 _____ (not be) such a phenomenally successful cult hobby today. First, it really took off in Japan, where the combination of the words costume and play originated. Now it's a worldwide phenomenon. And it's so much more than dressing-up or fancy-dress – it's becoming a character.

If you 9 _____ (want) to really cosplay, you 10 _____ (need to) adopt every tiny mannerism of your target character (in Japan it was originally the manga and anime characters) and copy every detail of their appearance. And it costs – if I 11 _____ (tell) you the amount I spend on a costume for a convention, you 12 _____ (be) amazed. But it's my passion and it could become yours! I just wish I 13 _____ (find out) about it earlier.

4) Put each verb in brackets into an appropriate verb form.

a) Now we are lost. If you _____ (write down) Mary's directions, this _____ (not/happen).

b) Why don't we emigrate? If we _____ (live) in Australia, at least the weather _____ (be) better!

c) I'm afraid that Smith is a hardened criminal. If we _____ (not/punish) him this time, he _____ (only/commit) more crimes.

d) Thanks to Dr Jones, I'm still alive! If it _____ (not/be) for her, I _____ (be) dead for certain.

e) I'm sorry I can't lend you any money. You know that if I _____ (have) it, I _____ (lend) it to you.

f) Don't be afraid. If you _____ (touch) the dog, it _____ (not/bite).

g) In those days, if you _____ (have) a job, you _____ (be) lucky.

h) It's always the same! If I _____ (decide) to leave the office early, my boss _____ (call) me after I've left!

i) What a terrible thing to happen! Just think, if we _____ (not/miss) the plane, we _____ (kill) in the crash.

j) Did you enjoy your meal? If you _____ (finish) eating, I _____ (clear away) the plates.

5) Decide whether each sentence is grammatically possible or not.

- a) If you haven't received a letter yet, you haven't got the job. *possible*
- b) If it isn't for David, we are missing the bus _____
- c) If it's raining, we go to the pub on the corner instead _____
- d) If you didn't lend us the money, we would have gone to the bank _____
- e) If you should happen to change your mind, drop me a line _____
- f) If it wasn't for the rain, we would have been home by now. _____
- g) If you will drive so fast, no wonder the police keep stopping you _____
- h) If I knew you were coming, I would have met you at the airport _____
- i) But for you helped us, we would have taken much longer _____
- j) If Jack joins the team, I'm leaving _____