

Conditional sentences

1) Match

If he hadn't trusted others, he wouldn't have lost so much.

Past regret

If it hadn't been for his large family, he might not have needed to work when he was so young.

Hypothetical situation in the past

He might still be producing cheap goods today if he hadn't seen the industry's potential.

A negative result wouldn't have occurred without an action taking place

He probably wishes that he had saved some of the money.

Hypothetical present result of a past action

If he happens to meet some children, he tells them about past glories.

'Should' + somebody or something used in formal sentences as a replacement for 'if'

Should he be travelling by night, he probably won't catch a night train.

'Supposing, provided, as long as' used as a replacement for 'if'

Supposing his family offered financial help, he wouldn't accept.

A first conditional sentence used to emphasise that something is unlikely to occur or will happen by chance

2) Rewrite the sentences so the meaning is the same

a. Would he get to the bank in time if we left immediately? (Supposing...)

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b. I failed the exam because the last question was difficult. (If the last question... passed the exam)

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c. I didn't have my credit card with me so I didn't buy any presents. (I would...)

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d. The business isn't doing well because there is too much competition. (If only... better)

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e. You can call me if you have any problem. (Should...)

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f. Thanks to Dr. Hyde I survived the operation. (If it ...might not)

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g. They fell out over money and their marriage broke up. (If they.... married now)

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h. In case you arrive late, just ask for me at the desk. (Should ...)

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