

NEGATIVE INVERTED CONDITIONALS – CONTROLLED PRACTICE

Notice that with inverted negative conditionals, we can't use contractions:

If she doesn't phone soon, we'll have to leave

Should she not phone soon, we'll have to leave.

NOT *Shouldn't she phone, ...*

If he wasn't a diplomat, he wouldn't have immunity.

Were he not a diplomat, he wouldn't have immunity.

NOT *weren't he a diplomat, ...*

If he hadn't told me himself, I'd never have believed him.

Had he not told me himself, I'd never have believed him.

NOT *Hadn't he told me himself, ...*

1. If she hadn't read the novel, she wouldn't have passed the literature test.
_____ , she wouldn't have passed the literature test.
2. If I hadn't argued with my father, he would've lent me his motorbike.
_____ , he would've lent me his motorbike.
3. If Dick doesn't help his friends, they will be angry with him.
_____ , they will be angry with him.
4. If they don't hurry, they won't catch the train.
_____ , they won't catch the train.
5. If it weren't so late, we would play a game of chess.
_____ , we would play a game of chess.
6. If Jeff didn't like Jessica, he wouldn't buy her ice cream.
_____ , he wouldn't buy her ice cream.
7. If she didn't bully her classmates, she would have more friends.
_____ , she would have more friends.
8. We would have gone to the cinema yesterday if it hadn't rained heavily.
We would have gone to the cinema yesterday _____
heavily.