Conditional conjuctions and phrases

Function

There are other ways to express conditions beside using *if*. We can use *as / so long as*, *provided / providing (that)*, *even if*, *in case*, and *unless*.

Form

Use	Example
Use *as long as* and *so long as* to mean "only if." It emphasizes the condition. *So long as* is slightly more formal than *as long as*.	Christopher is a lot of fun to be around **as long as** you agree with everything he says.
Use *provided (that)* and *providing (that)* in the same way you use *as* and *so long as*. *Provided / Providing (that)* is slightly more formal than *so long as*.	People think they can do whatever they want **provided** they don't break any laws.
Use *even if* to emphasize that something will happen, would happen, or would have happened whatever the condition.	I don't think we'll solve our energy problems **even if** we switch completely to renewable energy.
Use *in case* to talk about things you should do to prepare for a possible future event. It tends be used for first conditionals and with imperatives.	I closed all the windows and put everything in the garage **in case** it rains tonight.
Use *unless* to mean "if ... not" or "except if." It is not used for impossible situations, so is not used in the third conditional.	**Unless** the governments provide more money for research, we'll never cure certain diseases.

You can do it!

A Unscramble the words to make sentences.

1 get help / I / unless / won't finish / the paper
   I _____.

2 mistakes / there are / your science report / in case
   Check _____.

3 the exam / you / studied / should pass / provided
   You _____.

4 read it / your research / even if / wouldn't understand / I
   I _____.

5 get permission / I / to the conference / can go / as long as
   I _____.

6 higher / are / won't teach / the salaries / unless
   People _____.

7 them / in case / later / your notes / you need
   Save _____.

8 fine / practice / in the debate / as long as / will do / you
   You _____.

B Choose the correct options.

1 Some people will break the rules **in case** / **even if** they have strict workplace guidelines.

2 I think anyone can succeed in life **as long as** / **unless** they have a curious mind.

3 Run your proposal by your supervisor **as long as** / **in case** she has any concerns.

4 **Even if** / **Provided** you get good grades, it will be hard to get a job without work experience.

5 Don't send the report in today **unless** / **in case** you want to make some changes tomorrow.

6 **Provided** / **Even if** you like helping people, a career in medicine can be very satisfying.

7 **As long as** / **In case** there are no ethical concerns, I think we can move forward.

8 I don't think this is the job for you **unless** / **provided** you can handle a lot of daily stress.