

Unit 5: Exercise 1

Match the words with the definitions.

abdicate	constitution	coronation	emperor
monarchy	president	reign	throne

1. a country that has a king or queen:
2. a special chair used by a ruler, especially a king or queen:
3. a ceremony at which a person is made king or queen:
4. to rule as king or queen of a country:
5. to make a formal statement that you no longer wish to be king or queen:
6. the ruler of an empire:
7. the person who has the highest political position in a republic:
8. a set of political principles or laws by which a state or organisation is governed:

Unit 5: Exercise 2

Read the information. Then correct the underlined mistakes.

abdicate: to make a formal statement that you no longer wish to be king or queen

constitution: a set of political principles by which a state or organisation is governed

coronation: a ceremony at which a person is made king or queen

emperor: the ruler of an empire

monarchy: a country that has a king or queen

president: the person who has the highest political position in a republic

reign: period of time ruling as king or queen of a country

throne: a special chair used by a ruler, especially a king or queen

1. Clause 7 of the throne states that people should pay taxes to the government.
2. he date of the princess's monarchy will be Saturday 12 April.
3. The king announced on the news that he intended to reign with immediate effect.
4. Nelson Mandela became monarch of the Republic of South Africa on 10 May 1994.
5. Julius Caesar is probably one of the most famous Roman monarchs.
6. The queen sat on her constitution throughout the coronation ceremony.

Unit 5: Exercise 3

Read the information. Then choose the correct sentences to match the types of conditional shown in bold.

Type of conditional	If clause (situation)	Result clause
Second (hypothetical present situation with hypothetical present or future result)	<i>If</i> + past simple / past continuous	<i>would</i> + verb
Third (hypothetical past situation with hypothetical past result)	<i>If</i> + past perfect / past perfect continuous	<i>would have</i> + past participle
Mixed 1 (hypothetical past situation with present result)	<i>If</i> + past perfect / past perfect continuous	<i>would</i> + verb
Mixed 2 (hypothetical present situation with past result)	<i>If</i> + past simple / past continuous	<i>would have</i> + past participle

Remember:

- *Would* can be replaced by *could* or *might*.
- There are some possible variations on the *if* clause. For example, we might use an inversion (*If he had known* = *Had he known*) or express the *if* clause with a paraphrase (*Without his rule* = *If he had not ruled*).

1. THIRD CONDITIONAL

- If he had become president, he would completely reform the tax system.
- If he had become president, he would have completely reformed the tax system.

2. THIRD CONDITIONAL

- There won't have been a constitutional crisis if he hadn't abdicated without warning.
- There wouldn't have been a constitutional crisis if he hadn't abdicated without warning.

3. SECOND CONDITIONAL

- If everyone paid their taxes, the country would have a stronger economy.
- If everyone pays their taxes, the country will have a stronger economy.

4. THIRD CONDITIONAL

- If Queen Joanna of Castile hadn't been declared mad, she might have continued to rule Spain until her death in 1555.
- If Queen Joanna of Castile wasn't declared mad, she might have continued to rule Spain until her death in 1555.

5. THIRD CONDITIONAL

- Had the emperor spared the prisoners' lives, they would have become loyal citizens.
- Would the emperor have spared the prisoners' lives, they had become loyal citizens.

6. SECOND CONDITIONAL

- The legal system would be fairer if judges came from a wider cross-section of society.
- The legal system would be fairer if judges come from a wider cross-section of society.

7. SECOND CONDITIONAL

- The approach of officials would change if the government made them more accountable for their actions.
- The approach of officials would have changed if the government made them more accountable for their actions.

8. MIXED CONDITIONAL 1 (PAST SITUATION WITH PRESENT RESULT)

- Had the prime minister resigned sooner, the country wouldn't be in an economic crisis.
- Had the prime minister resigned sooner, the country wouldn't have been in an economic crisis.

Unit 5: Exercise 4

Complete the sentences with the types of conditional shown in bold. Use the verbs in brackets.

1. If she had lived two years longer, she _____ (reign) for 60 years. **THIRD CONDITIONAL**
2. They could build a new palace for the monarchy if they _____ (increase) taxes. **SECOND CONDITIONAL**
3. There wouldn't have been a constitutional crisis if the king _____ (abdicate) without warning. **THIRD CONDITIONAL**
4. If the government _____ (improve) the country's economy, there would be less unemployment. **SECOND CONDITIONAL**
5. Had the French king treated his subjects better, the revolution probably _____ (not happen) when it did. **THIRD CONDITIONAL**
6. If I had my camera, I _____ (take) a photo of the queen from the palace gates. **SECOND CONDITIONAL**
7. Without the support of the government, the emperor _____ (force – passive) to abdicate. **THIRD CONDITIONAL**
8. Germany might be a very different country today if the Berlin Wall _____ (come down) in 1989. **MIXED CONDITIONAL**

Unit 5: Exercise 5

Read the information. Then read the first sentences. Complete the rewritten sentences using the verbs in brackets. Sometimes more than one answer is correct.

Second, third and mixed conditionals are used to talk about hypothetical situations in the present and the past and are often used to imagine an alternative situation that differs from reality. For example:

Second conditional

Reality: *I don't know about ancient history. As a result, I can't help my son with his homework.*

Hypothetical alternative: *If I knew about ancient history, I could help my son with his homework.*

Third conditional

Reality: *The Romans invaded Britain. They founded the city of London.*

Hypothetical alternative: *If the Romans hadn't invaded Britain, they wouldn't have founded the city of London.*

Mixed conditional

Reality: *The Berlin Wall came down in 1989. As a result, Germany is now one of the most prosperous countries in Europe.*

Hypothetical alternative: *If the Berlin Wall hadn't come down in 1989, Germany wouldn't now be one of the most prosperous countries in Europe.*

1. The princess doesn't speak French, so she couldn't speak to the president without an interpreter when he visited last week.

If the princess spoke French, she _____ (speak) to the president without an interpreter when he visited last week.

2. The government didn't vote on the issue last week, so there isn't a trade deal in place at the moment.

If the government had voted on the issue last week, there _____ (be) a trade deal in place now.

3. The expedition led by the explorer Robert Scott in 1912 never reached the South Pole because the weather conditions got worse.

The expedition led by the explorer Robert Scott in 1912 would have reached the South Pole if the weather conditions _____ (get) worse.

4. Many Egyptian treasures were stolen from the pyramids, because the robbers knew how to break into the secret burial chambers.

If the robbers hadn't known how to break into the secret burial chambers, they _____ (steal) the Egyptian treasures.

5. The prince doesn't play Australian Rules football, so he didn't accept the invitation to take part in a friendly match during the royal tour of Australia.

If the prince _____ (play) Australian Rules football, he could have accepted the invitation to take part in a friendly match during the royal tour of Australia.

6. The king's sister carries out many official royal duties, but last month she didn't attend the opening of parliament, because she broke her leg in a skiing accident.

If the king's sister hadn't broken her leg in a skiing accident, she _____ (attend) the opening of parliament.