

## 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> conditionals

### Exercise 1. Choose the correct words.

1. If we're / we would be late, they'll start / they'd start without us.
2. If we will take / take a taxi, we'll arrive / we arrive sooner.
3. If we worked / would work for ADC, we'll get / we'd get a better salary.
4. If we don't hurry / won't hurry, we would be / we'll be late.
5. If I lend / will lend you this book, when do you return / will you return it?

### Exercise 2. Read the sentences and decide if the events are likely to happen or imaginary. Complete the sentences by putting the verbs in brackets into the present simple + will or the past simple + would.

**USE FULL FORMS, e.g., will go, will not go ..., would not go...**

1. It's not far. If you \_\_\_\_\_ (follow) this road, you \_\_\_\_\_ (come) to the station.
2. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) on the Board of this company, I \_\_\_\_\_ (argue) against the merger.
3. If you \_\_\_\_\_ (have) any questions, I \_\_\_\_\_ (deal) with them at the end of my presentation.
4. If the council \_\_\_\_\_ (ban) all cars from the city centre, there \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) so much pollution.
5. A: I have no idea what the other side are going to propose in the negotiation tomorrow.  
B: Neither do I. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (know), I \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) you.
6. A: My train leaves in forty minutes.  
B: It only takes ten minutes to the station by taxi. If you \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) now, you \_\_\_\_\_ (catch) it.
7. A: Is that the time? I really should be going.  
B: If you \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) a moment, I \_\_\_\_\_ (give) you a lift.
8. A: Would you like to go to English evening classes with me?  
B: I'm sorry but I can't. I'm really busy. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) more time, I \_\_\_\_\_ (love) to.

### Exercise 3. Complete the sentences with the correct pair of possible forms A or B.

1. If the bank lends us the money, \_\_\_\_\_ it in new machinery.  
A. we'll invest / we're going to invest    B. we'd invest / we were investing
2. If \_\_\_\_\_ this project again, I think I'd do it differently.  
A. I was starting / I started    B. I'll start / I've started

### Exercise 4. Paula, a marketing manager of a car manufacturing company, is talking to her colleague Luis, a production manager. Complete their conversation with the words in brackets using 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> conditional. **USE FULL FORMS, e.g., will go, will not go ..., would not go...**

PAULA: Luis, aren't you worried about the proposed strike?

LUIS: Well, sure...

PAULA: You see, if the factory workers go on strike, we \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) a lot of production. If we \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) production, we \_\_\_\_\_ (not be able) to supply all our customers.

LUIS: Yes. I know, but ...

PAULA: And if we \_\_\_\_\_ (not supply) our customers, they \_\_\_\_\_ (probably buy) other makes of car. If that \_\_\_\_\_ (happen), our market share \_\_\_\_\_ (go) down. It's not looking good.

LUIS: Well, that's right, but ...

PAULA: And what's more, in my experience, when workers go on strike there is a bad atmosphere for months afterwards.

LUIS: Yes.

PAULA: So, unless you can come to an agreement with the workers soon, there is going to be a lot of trouble ahead. If you \_\_\_\_\_ (want) my advice, be very careful.

LUIS: Look, don't worry.

PAULA: Don't worry?

LUIS: Yes. Look, the workers know that the success of the company depends on this new model. Unless they \_\_\_\_\_ (be) stupid, they \_\_\_\_\_ (not go) on strike.

PAULA: Oh?

LUIS: Now, just imagine – if it \_\_\_\_\_ (sell) really well, we \_\_\_\_\_ (increase) our market share and our profits. If that \_\_\_\_\_ (happen), we \_\_\_\_\_ (not need) to make so many job cuts. And if we \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) to cut jobs, the trade unions \_\_\_\_\_ (be) much happier.

PAULA: Well, I suppose you've got a point.

**Exercise 4. You are talking to a friend about your new job. Use your thoughts to complete the sentences you say. Put the verb in brackets into either present simple, past simple, will + infinitive or would + infinitive. USE FULL FORMS, e.g., will go, will not go ..., would not go...**

**You think:** I want to show them that I'm good at my job so that I can have more job security.

**You say:** I hope that if I \_\_\_\_\_ (do) my best, they \_\_\_\_\_ (give) me a permanent contract after a few months.

**You think:** I've been late in the morning a few times. I wish I could work at the Leiria site which is nearer my home.

**You say:** I'm sometimes late for work. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (work) at the Leiria site, it \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) such a problem.

**You think:** One thing worries me. I had a health problem a few years ago, but it's very unlikely that it will reoccur.

**You say:** I wonder what \_\_\_\_\_ (happen) if my health problem \_\_\_\_\_ (reoccur).