

GUIDED DISCOVERY HANDOUT: INVERTED & ADVANCED CONDITIONALS

INSTRUCTIONS: Look at the grammar reference box and example sentences below. Answer the questions to discover how and when we use inverted conditionals and advanced structures.

PART 1: INVERTED SECOND & THIRD CONDITIONALS

A. Standard: "If he were from a richer family, she would have more opportunities."

Inverted: "**Were he from a richer family, she would have more opportunities.**"

B. Standard: "If we had been warned about the delay, it would not have caused problems."

Inverted: "**Had we been warned about the delay, it would not have caused problems.**"

1. In sentence A and B, what happened to the word **"if"** in the inverted versions? (Kept / Omitted)
2. Look at the word order in the *if*-clause: instead of "Subject + Auxiliary" (*he were* / *we had*), what is the new order? _____ + _____
3. According to the text, in what kind of contexts do we use these inverted forms? (Informal spoken / More formal)

-> **DISCOVERY RULE 1:**

In formal second and third conditionals, we can drop the word **"if"** and invert the _____ and the _____ (starting with *Were* or *Had*).

PART 2: FIRST CONDITIONAL INVERSION WITH "SHOULD"

C. Standard: "If you require any further information, please contact us."

Inverted: "**Should you require any further information, please contact us.**"

1. What modal verb replaces **"if"** at the very beginning of this first conditional sentence? _____
2. Does this change the basic meaning of the conditional request? (Yes / No)

-> **DISCOVERY RULE 2:**

In formal first conditional sentences, we can replace "if" by placing the modal verb _____ at the start of the clause.

PART 3: HIDDEN NEGATIVES / PREPOSITIONAL CONDITIONALS

D. "If it hadn't been for Tom, I would never have met Ella."

E. "If it weren't for tourism, I wouldn't have a job."

1. What does the phrase **"If it hadn't been for..."** mean in terms of cause and effect? (Because of Tom / Without Tom / Despite Tom)
2. Is sentence D referring to a hypothetical situation in the past or present?

-> **DISCOVERY RULE 3:**

We use **"If it wasn't / weren't / hadn't been for + noun"** to mean *"if this thing or situation _____ exist / have existed"*.

FINAL REFLECTION

In your own words, why do you think writers or speakers use inverted conditionals instead of standard conditional sentences?