# Conditionals

## Zero conditional

The zero conditional is used for things which always happen (or what to do) under certain conditions.

Clause 1: *if* + present simple Clause 2: present simple If water is heated to 100°C, it boils. Clause 1: *if* + present simple Clause 2: imperative If the alarm sounds, evacuate the building.

# First conditional

The *first conditional* is used for possibilities in the future.

Clause 1: *if* + present simple Clause 2: *will (not)* If the conference is in Germany, FII go to it.

### Second conditional

The second conditional is used for unreal situations in the present.

Clause 1: *if* + past simple Clause 2: *would (not)* If I had an instruction manual, I'd be able to repair

the fault.

(But I don't have a manual, so in reality I can't repair the fault.)

# Third conditional

The third conditional is used for unreal situations in the past.

### Active

Clause 1: if + had (not) + past participle If they had replaced the turbine bolts,

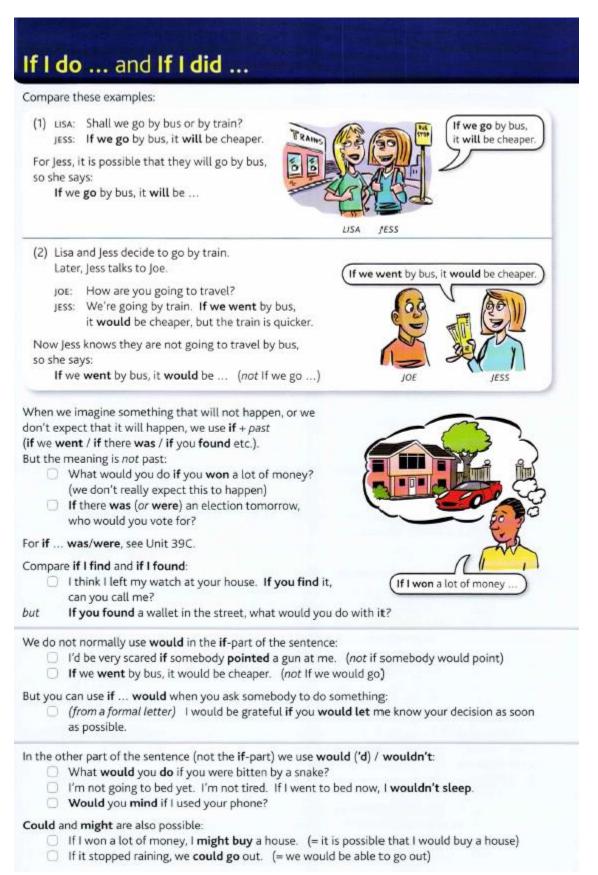
Clause 2: would (not) + have + past participle the accident would not have happened.

### Passive

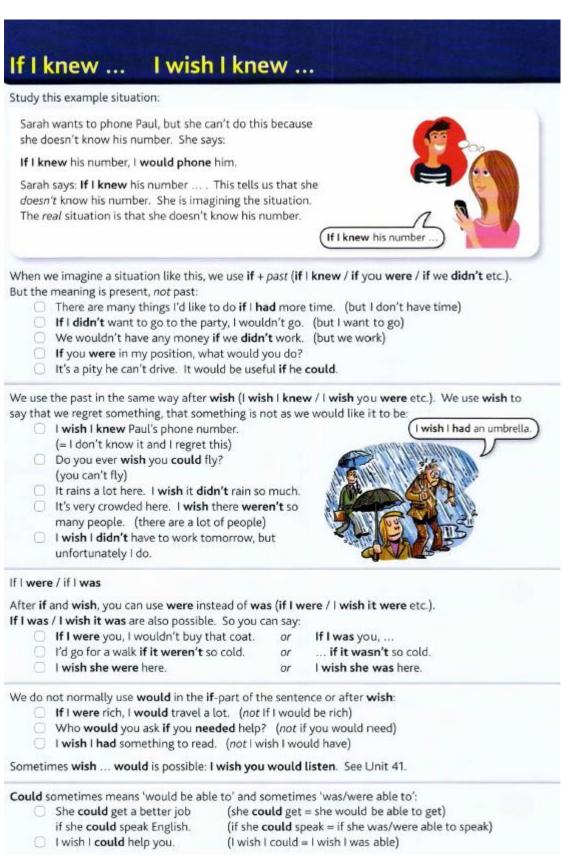
Clause 1: if + had (not) + been + past participle If the turbine bolts had been replaced.

Clause 2: would (not) + have + been + past participle the accident would have been avoided.

(But in reality the bolts were not replaced, so the accident actually happened.)



38.1 W	hat do you say in these situations?					
1	Of course you don't expect to win the lottery. Which do you say?					
	a If I win the lottery, I'll buy a big house.					
	b If I won the lottery, I'd buy a big house. (b is correct)					
2	You're not going to sell your car because it's old and not worth much. Which do you say?					
2	a If I sell my car, I won't get much money for it.					
	b If I sold my car, I wouldn't get much money for it.					
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3 You often see Sarah. A friend of yours wants to contact her. Which do you say?						
	a If I see Sarah, I'll tell her to call you.					
	b If I saw Sarah, I'd tell her to call you.					
4	You don't expect that there will be a fire in the building. Which do you say?					
	a What will you do if there is a fire in the building?					
-	b What would you do if there was a fire in the building?					
5	You've never lost your passport. You can only imagine it.					
	a I don't know what I'll do if I lose my passport.					
	b I don't know what I'd do if I lost my passport.					
6	Somebody stops you and asks the way to a bank. Which do you say?					
	a If you go right at the end of this street, you'll see a bank on your left.					
	b If you went right at the end of this street, you'd see a bank on your left.					
7	You're in a lift. There is an emergency button. Nobody is going to press it. Which do you say?					
	a What will happen if somebody presses that button?					
	b What would happen if somebody pressed that button?					
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	it the verb into correct form.					
1	I'd be very scared if somebodypointed (point) a gun at me.					
2	I can't afford to buy a car. If I					
3	Don't lend Amy your car. If she					
4	If the computer factory closed down, many people					
5	I don't think Gary and Emma will get married. I					
6	What would you do if you (be) in a lift and it (stop)					
	between floors?					
7	If somebody (give) me £10,000, I (have) a very long holiday.					
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	rite sentences beginning If					
1	We've decided not to catch the 10.30 train. (arrive too early)					
	If we caught the 10.30 train, we'd arrive too early.					
2	Kevin is not going to do his driving test now. (fail)					
	If he					
3	We've decided not to stay at a hotel. (cost too much)					
	If					
4	Sally isn't going to leave her job. (not / get another one)					
5	We've decided not to invite Ben to the party. (have to invite his friends too)					
6	I'm not going to tell him what happened. (not / believe me)					
38.4 U	se your own ideas to complete these sentences.					
	If I won a lot of money, I'd buy a house.					
	I'd be very angry if					
	, .,					
	If you bought a car,					
	I'd be surprised if					
5	Would you mind if					



Exer	cises
39.1	Put the verb into the correct form.
-	I If I knew (I / know) his number, I would phone him.
	2   wouldn't buy (I / not / buy) that coat if I were you.
	3 (I / help) you if I could, but I'm afraid I can't.
	4 We don't need a car at present, but we would need a car if (we / live)
	in the country.
	5 If we had the choice, (we / live) in the country.
	5 This soup isn't very good. (it / taste) better if it wasn't so salty.
7	7 I wouldn't mind living in England if the weather (be) better.
8	B If I were you,
9	9 You're always tired. If (you / not / go) to bed so late every night,
	you wouldn't be tired all the time.
10	D I think there are too many cars. If
	(there / not / be) so much pollution.
	Write a sentence with if for each situation.
1	I We don't see you very often because you live so far away. If you didn't live so far away, we'd see you more often.
2	2 It's a nice book but it's too expensive, so I'm not going to buy it.
	I it if so
3	3 We don't go out very often – we can't afford it.
	We more often
	4 I can't meet you tomorrow – I have to work late. If
	5 It would be nice to have lunch outside but it's raining, so we can't. We
(	5 I don't want his advice, and that's why I'm not going to ask for it. If
39.3	Write sentences beginning I wish
	I don't know many people (and I'm lonely). I wish I knew more people.
	2 I don't have a computer (and I need one). I wish
	3 Helen isn't here (and I need to see her).
	4 It's cold (and I hate cold weather).
	5 I live in a big city (and I don't like it).
	5 I can't go to the party (and I'd like to).
	7 I have to get up early tomorrow (but I'd like to sleep late).
ŧ	8 I don't know anything about cars (and my car has just broken down).
9	I'm not feeling well (and it's not nice).
39.4	Write your own sentences beginning I <b>wish</b>
	(somewhere you'd like to be now – on the beach, in New York, in bed etc.)
2	I wish I 2 (something you'd like to have – a motorbike, more friends, lots of money etc.)
3	3 (something you'd like to be able to do – sing, travel more, cook etc.)
	4 (something you'd like to be – beautiful, strong, younger etc.)

# If I had known ... I wish I had known ...

Study this example situation:

Last month Gary was in hospital for a few days. Rachel didn't know this, so she didn't go to visit him. They met a few days ago. Rachel said:

If I'd known you were in hospital, I would have gone to see you.

Rachel said: If I'd known (= If | had known) you were in hospital. This tells us that she didn't know.

We use if + had ('d) ... to talk about the past (if I had known/been/done etc.):

- I didn't see you when you passed me in the street. If I'd seen you, of course I would have said hello. (but I didn't see you)
- I didn't go out last night. I would have gone out if I hadn't been so tired. (but I was tired)
- If he had been looking where he was going, he wouldn't have walked into the wall. (but he wasn't looking)
- The view was wonderful. If I'd had a camera with me, I would have taken some pictures. (but I didn't have a camera)

Compare:

- I'm not hungry. If I was hungry, I would eat something. (now)
- I wasn't hungry. If I had been hungry, I would have eaten something. (past)

Do not use would in the if-part of the sentence. We use would in the other part of the sentence: If I had seen you, I would have said hello. (not If I would have seen you)

Note that 'd can be would or had:

- If I'd seen you,
- (I'd seen = I had seen) I'd have said hello. (I'd have said = I would have said)

We use had (done) in the same way after wish. I wish something had happened = I am sorry that it didn't happen:

- I wish I'd known that Gary was ill. I would have gone to see him. (but I didn't know)
- I feel sick. I wish I hadn't eaten so much cake. (I ate too much cake)
- Do you wish you'd studied science instead of languages? (you didn't study science)

Do not use would have ... after wish:

The weather was cold when we were on holiday. I wish it had been warmer. (not I wish it would have been)

Compare would (do) and would have (done):

- If I'd gone to the party last night, I would be tired now. (I am not tired now present)
- If I'd gone to the party last night, I would have met lots of people. (I didn't meet lots of people - past)

Compare would have, could have and might have:

If the weather hadn't been so bad	<pre>we would have gone out. we could have gone out. (= we would have been able to go out) we might have gone out. (= perhaps we would have gone out)</pre>
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mixed conditional (3<sup>rd</sup>+2<sup>nd</sup>) 3<sup>rd</sup> conditional

Pu	It the verb into the correct form.		
1	I didn't see you when you passed me in the street. If <u>I'd seen</u> (I / see) you, I would have said (I / say) hello.		
2	Sam got to the station just in time to catch the train to the airport. If (he / miss) the train, (he / miss) his flight too.		
3	I'm glad that you reminded me about Rachel's birthday.		
	(I / forget) if (you / not / remind) me. I wanted to send you an email, but I didn't have your email address. If		
4	(I / have) your address, (I / send) you an email.		
5	A: How was your trip? Was it good?		
-	a: It was OK, but (we / enjoy) it more if the weather		
	(be) better.		
6	I took a taxi to the hotel, but the traffic was bad. (it / be)		
	guicker if (I / walk).		
7	I'm not tired. If (I / be) tired, I'd go home now.		
	I wasn't tired last night. If (I / be) tired, I would		
1	have gone home earlier.		
Fo	or each situation, write a sentence beginning with If.		
1	I wasn't hungry, so I didn't eat anything.		
	If I'd been hungry, I would have eaten something.		
2	The accident happened because the road was icy.		
	If the road , the accident		
з	I didn't know that Joe had to get up early, so I didn't wake him up.		
	If I that he had to get up early,		
4	Unfortunately I lost my phone, so I couldn't call you. If		
5	Karen wasn't injured in the crash because she was wearing a seat belt.		
6	You didn't have breakfast – that's why you're hungry now.		
7	I didn't get a taxi because I didn't have enough money.		
In	nagine that you are in these situations. For each situation, write a sentence with I wish.		
1	You've eaten too much and now you feel sick.		
2	You say: I wish I hadn't eaten so much.		
4	There was a job advertised in the paper. You decided not to apply for it. Now you think that		
	your decision was wrong.		
-	You say: I wish I		
3	When you were younger, you never learned to play a musical instrument. Now you regret this.		
	You say:		
4	You've painted the gate red. Now you think that red was the wrong colour.		
	You say:		
5	You are walking in the country. You'd like to take some pictures, but you didn't bring your		
	camera.		
	You say:		
6	You have some unexpected guests. They didn't phone you first to say they were coming. You and		
	very busy and you are not prepared for them.		
	You say (to yourself):		

# When I do / When I've done When and if

Study this example:	
Will you phone me tomorrow? Yes, I'll phone you when I get home from work. Yes, I'll phone you when I get home from work. 'I'll phone you when I get home' is a sentence with two parts: <i>the main part</i> : I'll phone you and <i>the when-part</i> : when I get home	
The time in the sentence is future (tomorrow), but we use a <i>present</i> tense (I get) in the when-part of the sentence.	
We do not use will in the when-part of the sentence	
Some more examples:	
<ul> <li>We'll go out when it stops raining. (not when it will stop)</li> <li>When you are in London again, come and see us. (not When you will be)</li> <li>(said to a child) What do you want to be when you grow up? (not will grow)</li> </ul>	
The same thing happens after while / before / after / as soon as / until or till: What are you going to do while I'm away? (not while I will be)	
<ul> <li>I'll probably go back home on Sunday. Before I go, I'd like to visit the museum.</li> <li>Wait here until (or till) I come back.</li> </ul>	
You can also use the present perfect (have done) after when / after / until / as soon as: Can I borrow that book when you've finished with it? Don't say anything while Ian is here. Wait until he has gone.	
If you use the present perfect, one thing must be complete <i>before</i> the other (so the two things do no happen together):  When I've phoned Kate, we can have dinner. (= First I'll phone Kate and <i>after that</i> we can have dinner.)	
Do not use the present perfect if the two things happen together: When I phone Kate, I'll ask her about the party. (not When I've phoned)	
It is often possible to use either the present simple or the present perfect: <ul> <li>I'll come as soon as I finish.</li> <li>You'll feel better after you have or You'll feel better after you've had something to eat.</li> </ul>	
After <b>if</b> , we normally use the present simple ( <b>if I do</b> / <b>if I see</b> etc.) for the future: It's raining hard. We'll get wet <b>if</b> we <b>go</b> out. ( <i>not</i> if we will go) I'll be angry <b>if</b> it <b>happens</b> again. ( <i>not</i> if it will happen) Hurry up! <b>If</b> we <b>don't hurry</b> , we'll be late.	1 <sup>st</sup> conditional
When and if	
We use <b>when</b> for things which are <i>sure</i> to happen: I'm going out later. (for sure) <b>When</b> I go out, I'll get some bread.	time clause
<ul> <li>We use if (not when) for things that will possibly happen:</li> <li>I might go out later. (it's possible) If I go out, I'll get some bread.</li> <li>If it is raining this evening, I won't go out. (not When it is raining)</li> <li>Don't worry if I'm late tonight. (not when I'm late)</li> <li>If they don't come soon, I'm not going to wait. (not When they don't come)</li> </ul>	1 <sup>st</sup> conditional

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	When you are (you / be) in London agai	in, come and see us.	
	2 I want to see Sophie before (she / go) out.		
3	Call me when		t time you're going to get here
4	I'm going out now.	(you / be) h	
	(I / get) ba		
5	I think everything will be fine, but if		(there / be) any problems
	(I / call) yo	ou, OK?	
6	We must do something soon before	A.	(it / be) too late.
	Anna looks very different now. When		(you / see) her again,
		u / not / recognise) he	
8	Steve has applied for the job, but he isn't real		(I / be
	surprised if	(he / get) it.	
9	I'm going to be away for a few days. If	1	(you / need) to
0.54	contact me while	(I / be) away	here's my mobile number.
10	I don't want to go without you.	(,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,	(I / wait) for you until
	(you / be)	ready	(i, i hail) is jou unit
	(000,00)		
M	ake one sentence from two.		
1	It will stop raining soon. Then we'll go out.		
20		it stops raining.	
2	I'll find somewhere to live. Then I'll give you		
-	I when	ing address.	
3	I'll do the shopping. Then I'll come straight b	ack home	
	after	ack norme.	
4	It's going to get dark. Let's go home before th	hat	
1.1	before	iac.	
5	She must apologise to me first. I won't speak	to her until then	
1	until	to her until then.	
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Re	ead the situations and complete the sentenc	es.	
1	A friend of yours is going on holiday. You war	nt to know what she i	s going to do.
161	You ask: What are you going to do when		• •
2	A friend is visiting you. She has to go soon, b		her some pictures.
	You ask: Do you have time to look at some	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
3	You want to sell your car. Mark is interested		sn't decided vet
		in buying it, but ne ne	
4	Your friends are going to Hong Kong soon. Yo	ou want to know whe	re they're going to stay
	You ask: Where are you going to stay when		
5	The traffic is very bad in your town, but they	are going to build a p	ew road
-	You say: I think things will be better when th		
	iso say. Termine emiliga witt be better when th	<i>i</i> - <i>j</i>	
PL	ut in when or if.		
1	Don't worryif I'm late tonight.	ı fall.	
1 2	Don't worry if I'm late tonight. Be careful. You'll hurt yourself you		a friend of mine
1 2 3	Don't worry <u>if</u> I'm late tonight. Be careful. You'll hurt yourself you I'm going to Rome next week. I'm	n there, I hope to visit	
1 2 3 4	Don't worry if I'm late tonight. Be careful. You'll hurt yourself you I'm going to Rome next week. I'm I'm going shopping. you want any	n there, I hope to visit ything, I can get it for	
1 2 3 4 5	Don't worry <i>if</i> I'm late tonight. Be careful. You'll hurt yourself you I'm going to Rome next week. I'm I'm going shopping. you want any I don't see you tomorrow, when w	n there, I hope to visit ything, I can get it for ill I see you again?	
1 2 3 4 5 6	Don't worry if I'm late tonight. Be careful. You'll hurt yourself you I'm going to Rome next week. I'm I'm going shopping. you want any	n there, I hope to visit ything, I can get it for ill I see you again? I get back.	you.

8 We can eat at home or, \_\_\_\_\_ you prefer, we can go to a restaurant.

### **Key to Exercises**

#### 38.Z

- 2 bought
- 3 asked
- 4 would lose
- 5 'd be / would be
- 6 were ... stopped
- 7 gave ... 'd have / would have

#### 38.3

- 2 If he did his driving test now, he'd fail (it) / ... he would fail (it).
- 3 If we stayed at a hotel, it would cost too much.
- If she left her job, she wouldn't get another one.
- 5 If we invited Ben (to the party), we'd have to invite his friends too. / ... we would have to ...
- 6 If I told him what happened, he wouldn't believe me.

#### 38.4

- Example answers:
- 2 I'd be very angry if somebody broke into my house.
- 3 If you bought a car, it would cost you a lot to maintain it.
- 4 I'd be surprised if the economic situation improved.
- 5 Would you mind if I didn't go out with you tonight?

#### UNIT 39

- 39.1
- 3 I'd help / I would help
- 4 we lived
- 5 we'd live / we would live
- 6 It would taste
- 7 were/was
- 8 I wouldn't wait ... I'd go / I would go 9 you didn't go
- 10 there weren't ... there wouldn't be

#### 39.2

- 2 I'd buy it / I would buy it if it weren't/wasn't so expensive.
- 3 We'd go out / We would go out more often if we could afford it.
- 4 If I didn't have to work late, I could meet you tomorrow. or ... I'd meet / I would meet ...
- or ... I'd be able to meet ... 5 We could have lunch outside if it
- weren't raining / wasn't raining. 6 If I wanted his advice, I'd ask for it /
- If I wanted his advice, I'd ask for it / I would ask for it.

#### 39,3

- 2 I wish I had a computer.
- 3 I wish Helen were/was here.
- 4 I wish it weren't/wasn't (so) cold.
- 5 I wish I didn't live in a big city.
- 6 I wish I could go to the party.
- 7 I wish I didn't have to get up early tomorrow.
- 8 Twish Eknew something about cars. 9 Twish Ewcre feeling / was feeling

#### better.

#### 39.4

- Example answers:
- 1 I wish I was at home.
- 2 I wish I had a big garden.
- 3 I wish I could tell jokes.
- 4 I wish I was taller.

# UNIT 40

#### 40.1

- 2 If he'd missed / he had missed (the train), he'd have missed / he would have missed (his flight too).
- I'd have forgotten / I would have forgotten (if) you hadn't reminded
- 4 I'd had / I had had (your address), I'd have sent / I would have sent
- (you an email)
- 5 we'd have enjoyed / we would have enjoyed (it more if the weather) had been (better)
- 6 It would have been (quicker if) I'd walked / I had walked
- 7 | were / I was
- 8 I'd been / I had been

#### 40.2

- 2 If the road hadn't been icy, the accident wouldn't have happened.
- 3 If I'd known / If I had known that Joe had to get up early, I'd have woken / I would have woken him up.
- 4 If I hadn't lost my phone (or If I'd had my phone), I'd have called you / I would have called you / I would have been able to call you / I could have called you
- 5 If Karen hadn't been wearing a seat bêlt, she'd have been injured / she would have been injured (in the crash). or ... she might/could have been injured
- 6 If you'd had / If you had had breakfast, you wouldn't be hungry now.
- / If id had / If i had had enough money, I'd have got / I would have got a taxi.

#### 40.3

- 2 I wish I'd applied / I wish I had applied for it. or ... for the job.
- 3 I wish I'd learned / I wish I had learned to play a musical instrument (when I was younger). or I wish I could play ... / I wish I was able to play
- 4 I wish I hadn't painted it red. or ... the gote red.
- 5 I wish I'd brought / I wish I had brought my camera. or I wish I had my camera (with me)
- 6 I wish they'd phoned / I wish they had phoned me first (to say they were coming). or I wish I'd known / I wish I had known they were coming.

### UNIT 25

### 25.1

- Z she goes
- 3 you know
- 4 Will you be ... I get
- 5 there are ... I'll call / I will call
- 6 it's / it is
- 7 you see ... you won't recognise / you will not recognise
- 8 I'll be / I will be ... he gets
- 9 you need ... I'm / I am
- 10 I'll wait / I will wait ... you're / you are

#### 25.2

- 2 I'll give you my address when I find somewhere to live. or ... when I've found somewhere to live.
- 3 I'll come straight back home after I do the shopping. or
- ... after I've done the shopping.
- 4 Let's go home before it gets dark.
- 5 I won't speak to her until she apologises. or ... until she has apologised.

#### 25.3

- 2 you go / you leave
- 3 you decide or you've decided / you have decided
- 4 you're in Hong Kong / you go to Hong Kong
- 5 build the new road or 've built the new road / have built the new road
- 25.4
- 2 if

5 If 6 when 7 if 8 if

3 When 4 If