

## Conditionals

### First Conditional: *if + present, will/won't + infinitive*

- use **if + present** to talk about a **possible situation** and **will/won't + infinitive** to talk about the **consequence**
- contractions: 'll = will (I'll, he'll, etc.); won't = will not
- the if-clause can come first or second; if the if-clause comes first, we usually put a comma before the next clause

*If I miss the last bus, I'll get a taxi.*

*If you tell her the truth, she won't believe you.*

*What will you do if he doesn't call you?*

*They will be disappointed if you don't go.*

### Second Conditional: *if + past, would/wouldn't + infinitive*

- use **if + past** to talk about an **imaginary or hypothetical** situation and **would/wouldn't + infinitive** to talk about the **consequence**
- contractions: 'd = would (I'd, he'd, etc.); wouldn't = would not
- you can also use could + infinitive instead of would + infinitive
- with the verb "to be" you can use were after I/he/she/it (*If Jack was/were here, he'd know what to do.*)

*If a bull attacked me, I'd run away.*

*If you didn't go to bed so late, you wouldn't be so tired in the morning.*

*If we went by car, we could stop at places on the way.*

*I'd exercise more if I had the time.*

- compare the first and second Conditional:

- Conditional 1: *If I don't have to work tomorrow, I will help you.* → it's a possibility; maybe I'll help you
- Conditional 2: *If I didn't have to work tomorrow, I would help you.* → it's a hypothetical situation; I have to work, so I can't help you

A) Conditional 1: Complete with the correct form of the verbs.

If we start walking, the bus will come. (start; come)

1. If you tell me me your secret, I won't tell anybody else. (tell; not tell)
2. If I wouldn't write it down, I wouldn't remember it. (not write; not remember)
3. would you call me if you 'd get any news? (you, call; get)
4. She will help you if you ask her nicely. (help; ask)
5. I will call you if I hear from Alex. (phone; hear)

6. You \_\_\_\_\_ your friends if you \_\_\_\_\_ to Paris. (miss; move)
7. If you \_\_\_\_\_ carefully, you \_\_\_\_\_ everything. (listen; understand)
8. Your boss \_\_\_\_\_ very pleased if you \_\_\_\_\_ late for work. (not be; be)

B) Conditional 2: Complete with the correct form of the verbs.

If I found a good job, I would move to the USA. (find; move)

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ the house if it \_\_\_\_\_ a garden. (buy; have)
2. If you \_\_\_\_\_ Indian food, I'm sure you \_\_\_\_\_ it. (try; like)
3. You \_\_\_\_\_ more if you \_\_\_\_\_ harder. (learn; work)
4. If we \_\_\_\_\_ a car, we \_\_\_\_\_ drive up to the mountains. (rent; can)
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ to that restaurant if I \_\_\_\_\_ you: it's very expensive. (not go; be)
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ you to the airport if my mum \_\_\_\_\_ the car. (take; not have)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ your country if you \_\_\_\_\_ a well-paid job abroad? (you, leave; have)
8. I love living here. I \_\_\_\_\_ happy if I \_\_\_\_\_ to leave. (not be; have)

C) Choose the best way to continue these sentences.

I'm not going to open the window. If I open/opened the window, it will/would be too noisy. Maybe I'll open a window. But if I open/opened a window, it will/would be very noisy.

1. I'm going to get up early tomorrow. If I have/had time, I'll/I'd walk to work.
2. If I have/had time, I'll/I'd walk to work, but it's just not possible.
3. "I may get a job in England." – "If you get/got it, what will/would your boyfriend say?"
4. "There's a job in England, but I don't think I'll get it." – "If you get/got it, what will/would your boyfriend say?"
5. We never leave food on the table. If we do/did, the cat will/would eat it.
6. "Shall I put this on the table?" – "If you do/did, the cat will/would eat it.
7. I'll probably go to university. But if I go/went, I won't/wouldn't earn any money for three years.
8. I'm not going to university. If I go/went, I won't/wouldn't earn any money for three years.

D) Questionnaire: What would you do if...? Write sentences.

1. If you heard a strange noise in your house in the night, would you:

A go and look?      B phone the police?      C hide under the bedclothes?

If I heard a strange noise in my house in the night, I would \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

2. If you saw a child stealing from a shop, would you:

A tell the child to stop?      B tell a shop assistant?      C do nothing?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

3. If you found a suitcase on the pavement outside a bank, would you:

A take it into the bank?      B take it to the police?      C take it home?      D leave it?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

4. If you found a friend's diary, would you:

A read it?      B give it back to him/her without reading?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

5. If you found a mouse in your kitchen, would you:

A catch it and throw it out?      B ask someone to catch it and throw it out?      C run?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## Conditionals – KEY

A)

1. tell; won't tell
2. don't write; won't remember
3. Will you call; get
4. will help; ask
5. will phone; hear
6. will miss; move
7. listen; will understand
8. won't be; are

B)

1. would buy; had
2. tried; would like
3. would learn; worked
4. rented; could
5. wouldn't go; was/were
6. would take; didn't have
7. Would you leave; had
8. wouldn't be; had

C)

1. have; I'll
2. had; I'd
3. get; will
4. got; would
5. did; would (do; will)
6. do; will
7. go; won't
8. went; wouldn't

D)

individual answers in Conditional II; make sure to always stick to the form