

Conditional sentences exercise

Complete the following sentences.

1. If we there, we would never have found what was happening.

- a) didn't go
- b) hadn't gone
- c) haven't gone
- d) weren't

2. If he should be late, we to go without him.

- a) will have
- b) would have
- c) would have had
- d) had

3. If you him, tell him that he owes me a letter.

- a) see
- b) should see
- c) had seen
- d) Either 'see' or 'should see'

4. If the weather stays good, we a game of tennis tomorrow.

- a) would play
- b) will play
- c) would have played
- d) will be playing

5. If we had a map, we able to get out of here.

- a) shall be
- b) should be
- c) should have been
- d) would have been

6. I would get up earlier, if there a good reason to.

- a) have been
- b) was
- c) is
- d) had been

Answers

1. hadn't gone (When we use **would have + past participle** in the main clause, we have to use a past perfect tense in the if-clause.)
2. will have (This is a type one conditional sentence. In a type 1 conditional sentence, we sometimes use **should** in the if-clause to suggest that something is less likely.)
3. Either 'see' or 'should see' (In a zero conditional sentence we use a present tense in both clauses. These types of sentences are used to talk about situations that are always real or possible. **Should see** is also possible here. The structure If...should is used to suggest that something is possible but unlikely.)
4. will play (When the verb in the if-clause is in the present tense, we use **will + infinitive** in the main clause.)
5. should be (After I and we, **should** can be used with the same meaning as **would**.)
6. was (When we use **would + infinitive** in the main clause, we have to use a past simple tense in the if-clause.)

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