

Conditional sentences: grammar exercise

1. If you had taken the necessary precautions, none of this

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

2. If I were you, I that mole examined.

- a) would get
- b) will get
- c) would have got
- c) would be getting

3. If I a lottery, I would spend all my time traveling.

- a) win
- b) won
- c) have won
- d) had won

4. Had I realized what you intended, I my permission.

- a) would not give
- b) would not have given
- c) will not give
- d) had not given

5. If it for your help, I don't know what I would have done.

- a) wasn't
- b) hadn't been
- c) weren't
- d) hasn't been

6. Were she my daughter, I her to go out in that mini-frock.

- a) wouldn't have allowed
- b) would not allow
- c) will not allow
- d) hadn't allowed

Answers

1. If you had taken the necessary precautions, none of this **would have happened**. (In a type 3 conditional sentence, we use a past perfect tense in the if-clause and **would have + past participle** in the result clause.)
2. If I were you, I **would get** that mole examined. (In a type 2 conditional sentence, we use a past simple tense in the if-clause and **would + infinitive** in the result clause.)
3. If I **won** a lottery, I would spend all my time traveling. (When we use would + infinitive in the main clause, the verb in the if-clause should be in the past simple tense.)
4. Had I realized what you intended, I **would not have given** my permission. ('Had I realized' means the same as 'If I had realized'. If I had realized what you intended, I wouldn't have given my permission.)
5. If it **hadn't been** for your help, I don't know what I **would have done**. (We use a past perfect tense in the if-clause when **would have + past participle** is used in the main clause.)
6. Were she my daughter, I **would not allow** her to go out in that mini-frock. (In a type 2 conditional sentence we use a **past simple tense** in the if-clause and **would + infinitive** in the main clause. The clause 'were she my daughter' is actually a shortened form of the clause 'if she were my daughter'.)

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