

Activity Type

Grammar Exercises: error correction, gap-fill, changing word forms, unscrambling, matching, identifying, sentence completion

Focus

Mixed Conditionals

Aim

To practice or review first, second and third conditionals.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two-page worksheet for each student.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

35 minutes

Introduction

Here is a mixed conditionals worksheet to help students practice or review first, second and third conditionals.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

Students begin by correcting mistakes in first conditional sentences and rewriting them.

Exercise A - Answer key

1. take care of
2. eat
3. don't lock
4. won't go
5. cries all night,

Next, students complete second and third conditional sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Exercise B - Answer key

1. would feel
2. would have told
3. missed
4. wouldn't have noticed
5. would have stayed
6. had had
7. practiced
8. wouldn't buy
9. would have let
10. would shout

Students then put words in the correct order to make mixed conditional sentences. The first word of each sentence is given.

Exercise C - Answer key

1. If we go to bed late, we will be tired tomorrow.
2. If I saw a snake, I would run away.
3. The dog will bark if you don't feed it.
4. We would be less stressed if we didn't have phones.

After that, students match sentence halves together to form mixed conditional sentences and then indicate which conditional is being used in each sentence by writing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.

Exercise D and E - Answer key

1. l
2. d
3. k
4. e
5. h
6. j
7. b
8. g
9. f
10. a
11. c
12. i

1st: 1, 5, 8, 11 2nd: 3, 4, 6, 10 3rd: 2, 7, 9, 12

Finally, students complete mixed conditional sentences with their own ideas. When the students have finished, review their sentences and provide feedback.

A. Correct the mistakes in the first conditional sentences and rewrite them.

1. If you took care of your devices, they will last longer.

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2. I will feel sick if I ate the whole pizza.

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3. If you hadn't locked your bike, it will get stolen.

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4. If you don't finish your homework, you wouldn't go to the cinema.

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5. If the baby had cried all night we won't sleep well.

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B. Complete the second and third conditional sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. If you went on holiday, you (feel) more relaxed.

2. She (tell) him the answer if he had asked.

3. If I (miss) the bus, I would cycle to work.

4. I (not notice) the scratch if you hadn't shown me.

5. I (stay) with the company if I had been promoted.

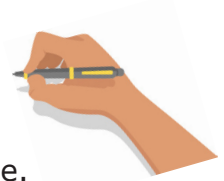
6. He would have helped me if he (have) more time.

7. You would be an excellent painter if you (practice) more.

8. I (not buy) a black dress for the wedding if I were you.

9. If you had behaved in the restaurant, I (let) you have dessert.

10. If I were a chef, I (shout) at everybody in the kitchen.



C. Put the words in the correct order to make mixed conditional sentences.

1. tired / be / to / late / go / we / tomorrow / will / bed / we

..... If

2. away / I / snake / I / a / run / saw / would

..... If

3. feed / don't / bark / you / it / if / will / dog

..... The

4. stressed / have / be / we / would / didn't / phones / less / if

..... We

D. Match the sentence halves to form mixed conditional sentences.

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| 1. I'll be late | a. if he had a million dollars. |
| 2. If you had paid attention in class, | b. if you hadn't eaten so much ice-cream. |
| 3. If I had a superpower, | c. if we don't win this game. |
| 4. If I were president, | d. you would have passed the exam. |
| 5. If you wear a coat, | e. I would make education free. |
| 6. We would use the fire escape | f. I would have bought a house this year. |
| 7. You wouldn't have had a stomachache | g. the crowd will go wild. |
| 8. If he sings his number one hit, | h. you'll be too hot. |
| 9. If I had saved more money, | i. if it hadn't been so rainy. |
| 10. He would travel around the world | j. if the classroom were on fire. |
| 11. My team will be out of the league | k. I would like to be able to fly. |
| 12. He would have gone for a run | l. if I don't leave now. |

E. Indicate which conditional is being used in each sentence above by writing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in the spaces.

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| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. |
| 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. | 11. | 12. |

F. Now, complete the mixed conditional sentences with your own ideas.

1. I would go to the cinema
2. If there hadn't been so much traffic
3. If we play loud music
4. We would have gone to the wedding
5. I would have taught you to drive
6. The teacher will be happy
7. If I exercise regularly
8. He'll be disappointed
9. If I have enough money
10. If I were you