

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 with an exercise where they correct mistakes in first conditional sentences and rewrite them.

Exercise A - Answer key

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| 1. wear sunscreen, | 4. won't get to go |
| 2. will feel sick | 5. cries all night, |
| 3. don't lock | |

Next, students do a gap-fill exercise where they complete second and third conditional sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Exercise B - Answer key

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

Students then move on to put words in the correct order to make mixed conditional sentences. Explain that the first word in each sentence is shown to help them.

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.
5. I wouldn't have noticed the scratch if you hadn't shown me.

After that, students match beginnings and endings of mixed conditional sentences and then indicate which conditional is being used in each sentence by writing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in the spaces.

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 wore sunscreen you won't get sunburn.

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2. I would feel sick if I eat 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 get to 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. You would be an excellent painter if you (practice) more.

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

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

7. He (drown) if the lifeguard hadn't been there.

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

9. If you had behaved well 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

5. shown have wouldn't me the you scratch hadn't if noticed I

D. Match the beginnings and endings of the 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.

- I would go to the cinema
- If there hadn't been so much traffic
- If we play loud music
- We would have gone to the wedding
- I would have taught you to drive
- The teacher will be happy
- If I exercise regularly
- He'll be disappointed
- If I have enough money
- If I were you