

Conditionals Test

Use the information in the table below to complete the questions.

conditional & form	function	Example
zero: if + present, infinitive	something general/true	If I eat sugar, I get fat.
first: if + present, will +	realistic action + result – possible	If I have enough money, I will buy
infinitive	future	another house.
second: if + past, would +	unrealistic action + result –	If I had wings, I would visit
infinitive	impossible or improbable	everywhere in India.
	present/future	
third: if + past perfect,	change actions in the past, for a result	If I had not joined SET, I might have
would + present perfect	in the past - impossible past	joined another provider.
mixed: if + past perfect,	change actions in the past, for a result	If I had not joined SET, I would not
would + infinitive	in the present – impossible present	be able to write letters very well.

Exercise 1

Spot the mistake (2 are correct!):

- 1. I will come to your party if I will have the time.
- 2. If you want to come I will send you an invitation.
- 3. I would not be hungry if I ate earlier.
- 4. If someone is diagnosed with cancer, they normally have been prescribed chemotherapy.
- 5. If I have met you 10 years ago, I would have married you.
- 6. If people were more conscious of environmental damage, the world will be a better place.
- 7. If I drink coffee, I would not have slept.
- 8. I would not be alive if you had not saved me from that crocodile!

Exercise 2

9) Who is more hopeful?

- a) If I have the chance, I will visit one day.
- b) If I had the chance, I would visit one day.

Exercise 3

Write conditional sentences, choosing the correct conditional for the situation. Remember you might need to use negatives!

10) Where is John? The train leaves in 10 minutes!	13) The university I prefer has very high standards.	
(miss)	(qualifications)	
11) I am very keen to travel in America but it is probably too expensive for me.	14) Flashing lights have a bad effect on epileptics.	
(save)	(seizure)	
12) I regret my behaviour towards my wife. I miss her.		
(treat)		



Answers

Exercise 1

Spot the mistake (1 is correct!):

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Exercise 2

9) Who is more hopeful?

a) If I have the chance, I will visit one day.

Exercise 3

Write conditional sentences, choosing the correct conditional for the situation. Remember you might need to use negatives!

10) Where is John? The train leaves in 10 minutes!	13) The university I prefer to has very high standards.
If John doesn't hurry up, he will miss the train (miss)	If I get good qualifications, I can go to my preferred university. (qualifications)
11) I am very keen to travel in America but it is probably too expensive for me. If I saved, I would be able to go (save)	14) Flashing lights have a bad effect on epileptics. If epileptics see flashing lights, they have seizures. (seizure)
12) I regret my behaviour towards my wife. I miss her. If I had treated my wife well, I wouldn't miss her. (treat)	