English Conditional Sentences: Comprehensive Review (Advanced Level)

This document provides a detailed summary of conditional sentences (Type 0, 1, 2, and 3), followed by examples, and three targeted exercises.

I. Summary Table: Conditional Sentence Types

Type	Function	IF Clause (Condition)	Main Clause (Result)	Usage/Time Reference
0	Universal truths, facts, or habits.	Simple Present	Simple Present	Always true (timeless/present).
1	Real or highly probable future outcome.	Simple Present	Simple Future (will / be going to) / Modal Verbs (may, might, must, can) / Imperative	Future possibility based on a present or future action.
2	Hypothetical or unreal situations in the present or future.	Simple Past		Improbable, contrary to fact, or imaginary present/future situations.
3	Unreal past situations and their consequences (Regrets, criticism).	Past Perfect	Modal + Have + Past Participle (would have, could have, might have + V3)	Impossible to change; refers exclusively to the past.

II. Examples with Temporal Markers and Irregular Verbs

Type 0: Universal Truths (Present Reference)

- 1. If you *heat* ice today, it *turns* to water instantly.
 - **Description:** This describes a basic physical principle that is true at any time.
- 2. If she *eats* too much seafood during the weekend, she usually *feels* sick afterwards.
 - o **Description:** This describes a habitual, universal reaction specific to her.
- 3. If they do not wake up on time, the manager always gives them a warning right now.
 - o **Description:** This illustrates an automatic, present consequence of a routine action.

Type 1: Real Possibilities (Future Reference)

- 1. If you *find* the missing ledger tomorrow, I will write you a hefty bonus check immediately.
 - o **Description:** This is a definite future reward contingent on a future, probable condition.
- 2. If the price falls next week, the investors may sell their stock before Friday.
 - **Description:** This is a future possibility (selling) dependent on a future event (price drop).

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- 3. If he *makes* a critical error today, the supervisor *has to correct* it before the end of the day.
 - o **Description:** This is a highly probable obligation (must correct) resulting from a potential present action (making an error).

Type 2: Hypothetical/Unreal Present or Future

- 1. If I knew the CEO's name right now, I would tell you his identity immediately.
 - o **Description:** I don't know the name (unreal present), so I can't tell you.
- 2. If we *drove* a high-consumption vehicle every day, our fuel expenses *would* cost a fortune this year.
 - o **Description:** We don't drive a high-consumption vehicle (unreal present), but if we did, the cost would be high.

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- 3. If they *drew* the complex architectural plans differently, the design *might* be much clearer next month.
 - o **Description:** They are not currently drawing them differently (unreal), but this is a future suggestion.

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Type 3: Unreal Past (Past Regret/Criticism)

- 1. If you had gone to the crucial meeting yesterday, you would have seen the entire presentation on the restructuring plan.
 - o **Description:** You did not go to the meeting (past fact), so you missed the presentation.

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- 2. If she *had brought* her official identification last night, she *wouldn't have been permitted* entry into the restricted facility.
 - o **Description:** She didn't bring the ID, and she wasn't permitted entry (past fact).
- 3. If he *had given* me the critical warning last year, I *could have avoided* the subsequent financial error.
 - o **Description:** He didn't give the warning (past fact), and the error occurred.

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III. Exercise 1: Verb Completion (Mixed Conditionals)

Instructions: Complete the sentences by filling in the correct form of the verb in parentheses, paying close attention to the time marker and the verb tense provided in the other clause.

- 1. If the board (not, keep) the minutes accurately today, the auditor (request) a full review of our accounts next week. (Type 1)
- 2. If I (be) a prominent entrepreneur in the 1800s, I (invest) heavily in the nascent railway system. (Type 3)
- 3. If the market (crash) next month, all investors (lose) a substantial amount of capital, which is highly unlikely. (Type 2)
- 4. If the machine **(run)** for too long without cooling, it always **(break)** down immediately. (Type 0)
- 5. If she (write) the final report last week, she (be) able to enjoy her sabbatical now. (Mixed Type 3/2)
- 6. If the CEO (take) more accountability right now, the shareholders (trust) him implicitly. (Type 2)
- 7. If we (see) the full extent of the damage during the flood, we (begin) the complex restoration process immediately. (Type 3)
- 8. If the company (freeze) recruitment this quarter, the project managers (have) to redistribute the workload among existing staff. (Type 1)
- 9. If you **(throw)** a penny into the fountain, you sometimes **(hear)** the echoing splash clearly. (Type 0)
- 10. If the witness (speak) the truth at the trial last Tuesday, the jury (not, find) the defendant guilty today. (Mixed Type 3/2)

IV. Exercise 2: Identify Type and Complete Verbs

Instructions: Identify the type of conditional (0, 1, 2, or 3) and then complete the sentence with the correct form of the irregular verbs in parentheses.

1.	If the	analyst (know) the precise figures f	For last year, he (be) able to present a
	more a	accurate forecast for this year.	
	o	Conditional Type:	
	o	Completion: If the analyst	the precise figures for last year,
		he able to present a r	nore accurate forecast for this year.
2.	If the	metal (expand), it (conduct) electric	icity more efficiently.
	o	Conditional Type:	•
	o	Completion: If the metal	(present) more, it
		electricity more efficiently.	
3.	If the	firm (foresee) the recession last year	r, they (not, incur) such colossal debts
	today.	•	
	o	Conditional Type:	
	o	Completion: If the firm	the recession last year, they
		such colossal debts to	

4.	If she (fly) to the international summit next week, she (meet) the delegation
	from the European Union.
	o Conditional Type:
	o Conditional Type: to the international summit next week,
	she the delegation from the European Union.
5.	If the legal team (draw) up a stricter contract right now, they (prevent) these
	ambiguities later in the dispute.
	o Conditional Type:
	o Completion: If the legal team a stricter contract right now, they these ambiguities later in the dispute.
	they these ambiguities later in the dispute.
6.	If he (deal) with the issue promptly, the client (not, complain) about the delay
	right now.
	o Conditional Type:
	o Conditional Type: o Completion: If he with the issue promptly, the client
	about the delay right now.
7	If the pressure (grow) too intense, the steam (burst) the valve immediately.
7.	o Conditional Type:
	o Completion: If the pressure too intense, the steam
	the valve immediately.
Q	If the committee (give) their assent by Thursday, the funds (be) allocated by the
0.	weekend.
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	o Completion: If the committee their assent by Thursday, the
	funds allocated by the weekend.
0	If you (forget) your credentials this morning, the system (not, let) you log in for
9.	the rest of the day.
	Conditional Type:
	o Conditional Type: o Completion: If you your credentials this morning, the
	o Completion: If you your credentials this morning, the system you log in for the rest of the day.
10	If the ancient Romans (build) a different foundation centuries ago, the
10.	structure (not, fall) apart last decade.
	structure (not, ran) apart last decade.
	Conditional Type:
•	Completion: If the ancient Romans a different foundation centuries
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	ago, the structure apart last decade.
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V. E	xercise 3: Advanced Conjunctions (Multiple
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	ne option.
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1	you manage to cooper all necessary normits, we can commone the
1.	you manage to secure all necessary permits, we can commence the construction next month.
	o A) Although
	o B) Provided that
	o C) Whereas

	o D) When
2.	The company will guarantee a fixed salary, the employee meets the
	annual performance metric.
	o A) If
	o B) Unless
	o C) Whilst
	o D) However
2	The board is debating to merge with the competitor or maintain
٦.	their autonomous status.
	o A) If
	o B) Providing
	o C) Whether
	o D) When
4.	The former administration prioritised economic growth, the current
	one focuses predominantly on environmental sustainability.
	o A) Although
	o B) Nevertheless
	o C) While
	o D) Unless
5.	The new trade agreement will be implemented immediately the
	opposing party vetoes the proposal next week.
	o A) On condition that
	o B) Unless
	o C) Although
	o D) If
6.	The research indicates a clear correlation;, further clinical trials are
	imperative to confirm the findings.
	o A) While
	o B) However
	o C) When
	o D) Provided that
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, .	model is deemed obsolescent.
	o A) Although
	o B) Whereas
	o C) If
	o D) Whenever
Q	They insisted on paying the lump sum upfront, the contract was
ο.	officially signed and ratified by legal counsel.
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	o B) Unless
	o C) Although
0	o D) On condition that
9.	The government raised the tax ceiling;, they failed to address the
	concurrent issue of youth unemployment.
	o A) When
	o B) While
	o C) Nevertheless

- o D) Whether
- 10. You must submit your dissertation proposal by the deadline, ______ you intend to apply for the research grant this year.

 o A) Although

 - o B) Unless
 - o C) If
 - o D) Whereas