

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	Modal + Base Verb (would, could, might + V)	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.
 - o **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.
 - o **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 for last year, he **(be)** able to present a more accurate forecast for this year.
 - o Conditional Type: _____
 - o Completion: If the analyst _____ the precise figures for last year, he _____ able to present a more accurate forecast for this year.
2. If the metal **(expand)**, it **(conduct)** electricity 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, they **(not, incur)** such colossal debts today.
 - o Conditional Type: _____
 - o Completion: If the firm _____ the recession last year, they _____ such colossal debts today.

4. If she **(fly)** to the international summit next week, she **(meet)** the delegation from the European Union.
 - o Conditional Type: _____
 - o Completion: If she _____ 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.
6. If he **(deal)** with the issue promptly, the client **(not, complain)** about the delay right now.
 - 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.
 - o Conditional Type: _____
 - o Completion: If the pressure _____ too intense, the steam _____ the valve immediately.
8. If the committee **(give)** their assent by Thursday, the funds **(be)** allocated by the weekend.
 - o Conditional Type: _____
 - o Completion: If the committee _____ their assent by Thursday, the funds _____ allocated by the weekend.
9. If you **(forget)** your credentials this morning, the system **(not, let)** you log in for the rest of the day.
 - o Conditional Type: _____
 - 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 structure **(not, fall)** apart last decade.
 - Conditional Type: _____
 - Completion: If the ancient Romans _____ a different foundation centuries ago, the structure _____ apart last decade.

V. Exercise 3: Advanced Conjunctions (Multiple Choice)

Instructions: Choose the most appropriate conjunction to complete each sentence. Use only one option.

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
- 3. The board is debating _____ to merge with the competitor or maintain 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
- 7. _____ a major paradigm shift occurs in the industry, our current business model is deemed obsolescent.
 - o A) Although
 - o B) Whereas
 - o C) If
 - o D) Whenever
- 8. They insisted on paying the lump sum upfront, _____ the contract was officially signed and ratified by legal counsel.
 - o A) When
 - o B) Unless
 - o C) Although
 - 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