



Conditional Sentences

Conditional sentences are the sentences in which one part of the sentence is dependent on the other.

Ex..

- 1) If he comes, I will go.
- 2) Unless he works, he will not succeed.
- 3) In case it rains, I will take an umbrella.
- 4) When he comes, I will take him to the doctor.

Conditional Sentences and tense

Present Tense:

1. Simple Present (Clause) → Simple Present (Clause)

(Universal Truths / habits / facts / imperative sentences)

Ex:

- 1. If we **freeze** water, it **becomes** a solid.
- 2. If I **eat** spicy food, I **get** a stomach ache.
- 3. If he **comes**, **tell** him to wait in the garden.
- 4. If you **want** to stay fit, you **have** to exercise everyday.

2. Simple Present ----1) Simple future

2) Future perfect

3) Future perfect continuous

(Denoting realistic consequence in future)

Ex:

- 1. If he **works**, he **will succeed**.
- 2. Unless he works hard, he **will not** succeed.
- 3. If I have time, I **may finish** the work.

Note:

Ex.

When I turn sixty (a)/ I will have been teaching (b)/ students for forty – one years. (c)/ No Error (d)

Ex:

When her parents get back (a)/ from their offices (b)/ she will have returned home. (c)/ No Error (d)

Ex:

- 1. When I am sixty, I will teach.
- 2. When I am sixty, I will have taught for 20 years.
- 3. When I am sixty, I will have been teaching here for 20 years.

Past:

1. Simple Past → Simple Past

(Unrealistic / Imaginary future consequence)

Ex:

- 1. If I **were** you, I **would** tell my father.
- 2. If he **were** a bird, he **would** fly.
- 3. If he **worked**, he **would succeed**.
- 4. If i **became** the PM, I **would** change the social security system.

2. If + had + V3 + would have V3

could have V3

might have V3

should have V3(Imaginary

past consequence)

Ex:

- 1. If he **had worked** hard, he **would have succeeded**.
- 2. If she **had gone** to university, she **would have become** a teacher.
- 3. If she **had gone** to bed earlier, she would not have been tired.



4. If she would have read (a)/ the instructions carefully (b)/ she would not have made mistakes. (c)/ No Error (d)

If I were your mother / I would have taken care / of you and your sisters.

1. I would have taken care
2. of you and your sisters
3. No error
4. If I were your mother

Whenever he is / on a holiday, / he travels on foot / to the temple nearby.

1. he travels on foot
2. No error
3. to the temple nearby
4. Whenever he is on a holiday

Had you / not reached in time, / we will have / lost our lives.

1. lost our lives
2. not reached in time
3. Had you
4. we will have

If the economy fails / this year it reflects badly / on the government.

1. on the government
2. this year it reflect badly
3. If the economy fails
4. No error

If I had gone to the library I can have borrowed a book.

1. I can have
2. gone to the library
3. borrowed a book
4. If I had

She will already return home / when her parents get back / from their offices.

1. from their offices
2. when her parents get back
3. No error
4. She will already return home

If I was the President of India, / I would work / to ensure communal harmony.

1. No error
2. to ensure communal harmony
3. If I was the President of India,
4. I would work

If you don't have a doctor, contact your public health authority.

1. your public health authority.
2. a doctor, contact
3. No error
4. If you don't have

Has the situation / been favourable, / I would have / attended the marriage.

1. been favourable
2. I would have
3. Has the situation
4. attended the marriage

If he were / to climb the tree / and bring the kitty down, / the child was happy.

1. and bring the kitty down
2. the child was happy
3. to climb the tree
4. If he were

If I will meet / my friend today, / I shall give / him this book.

1. him this book
2. I shall give
3. my friend today
4. If I will meet

If he had a few hours to spare, (a)/ he would spend them in a public library. (c)/ no error (d)

If I was you I would have told (a)/ the Chairman to keep (b)/ his mouth shut. (c)/ no error (d)