

EXIT 4 Pushing the boundaries

Grammar 1: conditionals
(overview)

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1 Complete sentence b) in each pair so that it has a similar meaning to sentence a).

- a) You won't pass your science test unless you do some serious revision.
b) If you _____ some serious revision, _____ fail your science test.
- a) We didn't know then what Oliver would do with the chemistry set, but later on we wished we'd never given it to him.
b) If we _____ what he would do with it, we'd never have given Oliver the chemistry set.
- a) I don't have access to the Internet, so I don't use my computer very much.
b) I _____ my computer more if I _____ access to the Internet.
- a) Every time you press this button, extra milk is automatically added to your coffee.
b) The machine _____ to your coffee when you _____.
- a) I want everyone who comes from London to stand up.
b) If _____ from London, _____.
- a) Don't touch this light switch because it is very unstable and might give you an electric shock.
b) If _____ this light switch, it _____ give you an electric shock.

2 Complete these rules about conditional sentences.

- To give additional meaning such as possibility and ability we use a modal verb such as _____, _____ and _____ instead of _____ or _____.
- To express a general truth, we use *if/when* + present simple + _____.
- To talk about something that is contrary to a fact in the past we use _____.
- To talk about something that is unlikely or contrary to present facts we use _____.
- We can use the imperative form in the _____ part of the conditional structure when we want to tell someone to do something.
- To talk about something that is possible we use _____.

▶ Grammar reference p.194 (3.1)

2 Each of these sentences has a mistake with the conditional form. Find and correct the mistakes.

- If you really want to keep up with scientific developments, you would have to read more!
- If there were more information about science on television, there's a chance that young people should get interested in it.
- There is a great offer on sci-fi books on the Internet – if you buy two, you got one free.
- I would have done better at science when I was at school if I worked harder.
- If I promised to take care of it, will you lend me your video mp3 player?
- I wouldn't take that job unless I were you!
- If he went to the party, he might have seen her there.
- If you had taken up her offer of a lift, you might got home sooner.

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1 Here are some areas of life in which major changes could happen in the near future. Discuss possible changes with a partner. Then make a sentence for each one beginning *If ...* and describing a probable consequence.

Example: *If cosmetic surgery becomes cheaper, more people will want to have it.*

cosmetic surgery: cheaper? more generally accepted?
television broadcasting: on mobile phones?
on computers? more advertising?
medicine: transplants? genetic engineering?

2 Here are some areas in which major changes are possible, but may be unlikely. Discuss possible changes in each of these areas with a partner. Then say what changes you think could happen and what the results would be.

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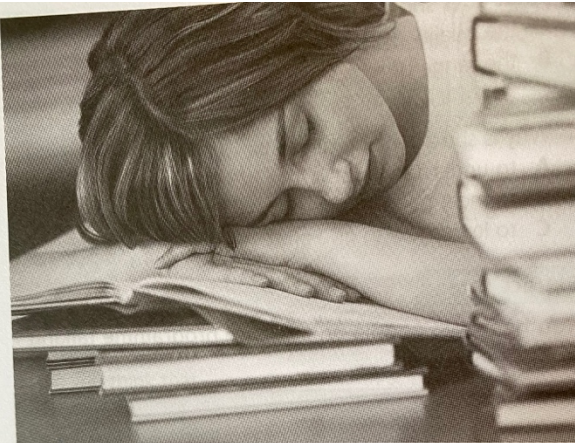
Example: *If cars were banned from city centres, there would be less pollution.*

3 Think how your life would have been different if these things had not been invented.

mobile phones cars computer games

Example: *If mobile phones hadn't been invented, I wouldn't have been able to call my friends so easily.*


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1 Which sentence (i–iv) is about something that:

- is always true?
 - is possible?
 - is not true in the present and is unlikely or impossible in the future?
 - is imaginary in the past?
- If he had had a decent night's sleep he would have performed so much better.
 - If you don't get enough sleep, you become ill.
 - If we spent a third of our lives sleeping, we could accomplish so much more.
 - If you've ever stayed up all night studying, you'll know how badly it can affect you.

LISTENING EXERCISE – fişierul audio e separat în ataşament

 You will hear three different extracts. For questions 1–6, choose the answer (A, B or C) which fits best according to what you hear. There are two questions for each extract.

Extract One

You overhear two friends, Phil and Miranda, chatting at a science conference.

- 1 How does Miranda feel about her job?
 - A disappointed with the salary
 - B keen to start doing more practical work
 - C optimistic about her chances of promotion
- 2 What drawback of his current teaching job does Phil mention?
 - A the constraints he works under
 - B the attitude of students
 - C the lack of facilities

Extract Two

You hear a married couple talking on the radio about their family life.

- 3 The man says that the only disadvantage of having such a large family is
 - A it restricts their ability to make long-term plans.
 - B it's hard to respond to each child's particular needs.
 - C it makes it difficult to do things on the spur of the moment.
- 4 The woman tells us about their holiday plans in order to stress that
 - A problems can occur wherever you go.
 - B children should be included in activities their parents enjoy.
 - C it's better not to be overambitious in planning family activities.

Extract Three

You overhear two work colleagues talking.

- 5 What is the man doing?
 - A apologising for something
 - B blaming someone else for something
 - C explaining how something happened
- 6 How does the woman react?
 - A She admits that she's had similar experiences.
 - B She advises him on a sensible course of action.
 - C She reassures him that he's done the right thing.

Conditionals type 1

1. Fill in the right tense of the verbs in brackets, following the model:

Eg. We will go out (go out), if it (stop) stops raining.

- a. I (do) the washing up if my mum (ask) me.
- b. Sam (buy) the books if he (have) money.
- c. Jack (be) healthy if he (eat) more fruit and vegetables.
- d. If you (invite) me to your party, I (come).
- e. Frank (get) sick if he (eat) so many sweets.
- f. I (send) you a postcard if you (give) me your address.
- g. We (go) for a swim if the weather (be) nice.
- h. If I (have) problems with my computer, I (bring) it back.
- i. If you (save) money, you (buy) that car.
- j. I (come) to your place if I (finish) my homework.
- k. If he (know) a foreign language, he (find) a job more easily.

2. Use the verbs between brackets in the correct form:

Eg. If I have time, I will paint the house. (have, paint)

- a. If we his address, we him. (know, visit)
- b. Gary in the garden if the weather fine. (work, be)
- c. Tina for a walk if she free time. (go, have)
- d. I these shoes if they me. (buy, fit)
- e. Mum some bread if she enough flour. (make, have)
- f. If I the keys to my flat, I the duplicate ones. (lose, use)
- g. If we our room blue, it nicer. (paint, look)

English Grammar Practice. The verb

6. Read the following pairs of sentences and connect them into a Type 1 conditional:

Eg.: I will invite Sandra to my party. I hope she will come.
Sandra will come to my party if I invite her.

- a. I hope the weather will be fine. I will go to the seaside.
- b. I will get a visa. Then I will go to my friends in the U.S.A.
- c. I will buy some eggs. I will make an omelette.
- d. He will look at the map. He hopes he will not get lost.
- e. We will finish our work. Then we will probably go for a ride.
- f. I will learn how to play chess. We will play together.
- g. I will cross the street on the green light. I will not be fined.
- h. Paula will take cooking classes. Then she will cook for us.
- i. You will come to London. We will share the same room.

7. Answer these questions:

- a. What will you do if you get thirsty?
- b. What will you do if you get a toothache?
- c. What will you do if you have a high temperature?
- d. What will you do if you win the lottery?
- e. What will you do if you see an alien?
- f. What will you visit if you arrive in Paris?
- g. What will you do if you are hungry?
- h. What will you do if you put on weight?
- i. What will you do if I ask you for some money?
- j. What will you do if I ask you to marry me?

8. Write an appropriate beginning for the following sentences:

- Eg.: If it rains, I will open my umbrella.
- a. you will lose weight.
 - b. I will open my umbrella.
 - c. I will lie in the sun.
 - d. we will pass the exam.
 - e. I will go to the dentist.
 - f. I will drink something cold.
 - g. she will get angry.
 - h. we will open the window.
 - i. he will go to bed.

Conditionals type 2

9. Put the correct form of the verbs TO BE or TO HAVE:

- Eg.: If I **had** good marks at English, I would talk to my neighbour who is an Englishman.
- If I enough money, I would buy my mum a house in the countryside.
 - If I you, I would tell him the truth.
 - If I more free time, I would visit my relatives more often.
 - If he a bike, he would ride it every day.
 - If she taller, she would be a fashion model.
 - If it not so cold, we would swim in the river.
 - If she good at Maths, she would get good marks.
 - If he our boss, he wouldn't shout at us.
 - If we a large apartment, we would invite you to stay with us.
 - If I French, I would go to The Moulin Rouge every weekend.

10. Write the sentences with the correct form of the verbs:

- Henry **would contact** (contact) us if he **knew** (know) the results.
- Anna (be) very upset if we (not/invite) her to our wedding.
- If Tina (have) enough money, she (take) the taxi.
- Our teacher (be) angry with us if we (skip) classes.
- I (take) these shoes if they (be) size 12.
- If it (rain), we (stay) at home.
- I (go) to an Eros Ramazzotti concert if he (come) to our country.
- If they (find) the shortest way, they (get) here sooner.
- If I (go) jogging every day, I (feel) better.
- If I (know) German, I (leave) for Germany.
- We (feel) sad if our team (lose) the game.

11. Make IF-sentences about these situations:

Eg.: We aren't good friends. We don't visit each other.
If we were good friends, we would visit each other.

- I never do any exercises. I am not fit.
- I don't know your e-mail. I don't send mails to you.
- I don't know French. I can't teach you any French.
- Sammy goes to bed late every night. He is always tired.
- Janet gets up late every morning. She always misses the bus.
- They haven't got enough money. They can't go to the seaside next week.
- We don't have an umbrella. We are all wet.

15. Change the words in bold using **unless** or **if not**:

Eg.: You would fail the exam **if you didn't learn properly**.
You would fail the exam **unless you learned properly**.
Lara would get lost **if she didn't have a map**.
Lara would get lost **unless she had a map**.

- Paula wouldn't go to the doctor **if I didn't come with her**.
- Sam wouldn't go to school **unless he had a new school bag**.
- I would visit Mary **if I didn't have to learn**.
- You can't go to that club **unless you had a permit**.
- I wouldn't talk to him again **if he didn't apologize to me**.
- Nobody would come to the meeting **if you didn't send them invitations early**.
- Dan wouldn't marry Tina **if she didn't have money**.
- If **you didn't pay cash immediately**, they wouldn't sell you the house.
- Unless you booked the tickets in advance**, you couldn't go on that package holiday.
- If **you weren't busy with your work**, I would take you to a movie.

16. Rephrase the following sentences using Conditionals type 2:

- I will improve my French, but I have to work a lot.
If **I worked a lot**, I would improve my French.
- You will arrive in time, but you have to get up early.
If
- He must apologize to me and then I will talk to him.
If
- I eat a lot of bread and that's why I am fat.
If
- Mum can't cook because she doesn't have time.
If
- I will buy a lottery ticket and maybe I will win.
If
- Dad hasn't got a tool kit and so he can't repair the car.
If
- Dan can't swim and so he is staying on the beach.
If
- The weather is bad and I can't go out.
If
- I don't know the answer so I can't help you.
If
- He can't borrow you any money because he hasn't got any.
If
- Gina can't come to school as she is sick.
If

Conditionals type 3

17. Put the correct form of the verbs to be and to have:

- E.g. If I had had (have) good marks at English, I would have talked to my neighbour who is an Englishman.
- If he (have) patience, he would have become a teacher.
 - If Sarah (not/ be) so naughty, she wouldn't have been punished.
 - If George (not/ be) so hungry, he wouldn't have eaten three hamburgers.
 - If the weather (be) sunny, we would have gone for a swim.
 - If they (have) a map, they would have got lost in the mountains.
 - If Tina (not/ have) a phone, she wouldn't have asked for help.
 - If we (have) a garden, we would have grown our own vegetables.
 - If the students (be) more attentive, they would have taken good marks.
 - If your car (be) faster, we could have been in time for the plane.
 - If I (be) slimmer, I could have fitted in size 10.

18. Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the verbs:

- Eg. If Jane had come to the movie, she would have liked (like) it.
- If he (ask) me for money, I would have given it to them.
 - I would have been upset if you (not/tell) me about your wedding.
 - If they had offered me more money, I (not/accept) it.
 - If George had gone to the park, we (go) with him.
 - I (look after) your cats if you had asked me to do it.
 - Anna would have missed the bus if she (get up) late.
 - I would have failed the exam if you (not/ help) me.
 - If I (not/ watch) that horror movie, I would have slept better.
 - His girlfriend (not/ leave) him if he hadn't cheated on her.
 - If Gina (not/ take) a good mark, her mum would have let her go to the party.

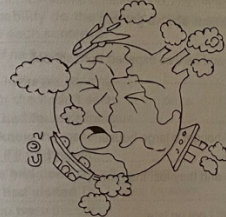
19. Write the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the third conditional:

- I (phone) would have phoned the police if I (see) had seen anything strange.
- I (buy) you a present if I (know) it was your birthday.
- Tina (be) in difficulty if I (not/ help) her.
- They (arrive) in time if it (not/ be) a traffic jam.
- Kate (buy) us a drink if she (win) the game.
- If I (live) in Japan, I (be) frightened by earthquakes.
- Where (spend) your holidays if you (be) very rich?

20. Complete the sentences about these situations:

- (1) Fiona and Gina went to the seaside without taking sun lotions and sun hats. They got burnt and now they are in their room, under medical attention.
- If we had taken (take) sun lotion with us, we would have not got burnt. (not get) burnt.
 - If we (know) the sun was going to burn so hard, we (not go) out.
 - If we (not go) out, we (get burnt).

- (2) George went to bed late last night. This morning he got up late. He missed the bus and he was late for school.
- George (not get up) late this morning if he (not go) to bed late last night.
 - If he (not get up) late, he (not miss) the bus.
 - If he (not miss) the bus, he (not be) late for school.
- (3) Anna was invited to Maria's birthday party. There she met Sebastian and they fell in love. Three years later they got married.
- Anna (not meet) Sebastian if she (not be invited) to the party.
 - If she (not/ meet) him, they (not/ fall in love).
 - If they (not/ fall in love), they (not/ get married).



21. Sometime in the future, humans live on another planet, not as beautiful as Earth used to be. Now they express their regrets about not preserving their planet. Use the information below and make conditional sentences Type 3:

use cars less	more oxygen
plant more trees	animals habitat not lost
ride bicycles	fuel not wasted
not leave taps running	water saved
recycle rubbish	natural resources saved
not throw garbage on beaches	birds able to breathe
switch off the lights	energy saved
not burn dry leaves/ use them as organic fertilizers	minimize smoke emission

Eg. If we had used cars less, we would have had more oxygen.

22. Find the mistakes and correct them:

- Janet had been disappointed if you had forgotten about her birthday.
- If Pam had learnt more, he would pass the exam.
- You could have used my car if they didn't steal it last week.
- If I had much time, I would have gone to the theatre last weekend.
- If we had locked the door, the burglars would break into the house.
- If the train hadn't been late, I would get in time.
- I would have made pancakes if I had the right ingredients.
- If the cat hadn't been alone in the room, she wouldn't eat my fish.
- I would have written to you if I would get your letters.

23. Rephrase the following as conditional sentences:

- You didn't do your homework and you got a 4.
If you had done your homework, you wouldn't have got a 4.
- They gave us wrong directions and we got lost.
If
- He skipped classes a lot and he was expelled from school.
If
- It rained and we stayed in.
If
- They won the lottery and bought a large house.
If
- They didn't practise more and they lost the game.
If
- I stayed late last night and I got up late.
If
- It wasn't sunny and I didn't go to the beach.
If
- I didn't see Kate at work and I didn't pass her your message.
If
- We live in a big city and we are very stressed.
If
- The movie was bad and we left the cinema theatre early.
If
- They didn't call the fire fighters and the house burnt down.
If

X. Translate the following sentences into Romanian :

1. Had I known the truth, I wouldn't have asked her that question. 2. I will come with you tomorrow if I am free. 3. If Jane had worked harder, she could have finished her work by now. 4. Should my friend see you here, she would be delighted. 5. If this lady will wait a moment, I will ask the manager to speak to her. 6. If it were not for this noise, we could have a good rest. 7. I gave him her phone number in case he couldn't find her address. 8. What would your sister do if you didn't wait for her at the railway station? 9. If she insists to see me, tell her that I am at my office. 10. Suppose it rains all day long! 11. Even if they promised him a large sum of money, he wouldn't betray his country. 12. We would be very grateful to her if she would help us. 13. Providing that Alice has got a driver's licence, she will be allowed to drive a car. 14. If I were you, I would try to understand her. 15. Your sister can stay here as long as she doesn't interrupt us. 16. I'll lend you my dictionary on condition you let me have it back by the end of this week. 17. You won't improve your English unless you work harder. 18. Assuming that we are free tomorrow, can we go to the mountains? 19. Should Peter find that book, he would certainly buy it. 20. But for that terrible storm, we could have reached the chalet much earlier.

XI. Translate into English :

1. Nu am putea trăi dacă nu ar fi oxigenul din aer. 2. Dacă va fi frumos mâine, vom merge la plimbare în parc. 3. Nu m-aș fi înscris la examen dacă aș fi știut că e așa de greu. 4. Fără grădini și parcuri, orașul nostru ar arăta dezolant. 5. Nu știu ce am fi făcut dacă nu ar fi fost acest om curajos să ne ajute. 6. Supa va avea gust mai bun dacă vei adăuga puțină sare. 7. Dacă n-ar fi cărțile, am fi cu toții ignorați. 8. William ar fi venit cu noi în excursie dacă n-ar fi fost atât de ocupat. 9. Dacă nu se va grăbi, nu va ajunge

la timp la teatru. 10. Sunt sigur că băieții ar intra în livadă dacă n-ar fi câinele acesta. 11. Ce-ar fi spus vecinul nostru în caz că nu ne-ar fi găsit acasă? 12. Dacă aș fi în locul tău, nu aș conta pe ajutorul lui. 13. Dacă va vrea să ne ajute, vom termina toată treaba în mai puțin de două ore. 14. Ce ar spune părinții tăi dacă s-ar întâmpla să te întâlnească în oraș în timpul orelor de clasă? 15. Îți voi împrumuta cărți atât timp cât le vei restitui la timp. 16. George ar fi cumpărat ziarul dacă l-ar fi găsit. 17. „De-ar ști omul ce-ar păți, dinainte s-ar păzi.” 18. Îți va fi foarte recunoscător dacă îl vei ajuta. 19. Poate să-mi ia mașina, cu condiția să mi-o aducă până la ora 12. 20. Oamenii vor avea încredere în tine atât timp cât te vei ține de cuvânt.

„...și tot astfel, dacă închid un ochi, văd mâna mea mai mică decât cu amândoi. De aș avea trei ochi, aș vede-o și mai mare, și cu cât mai mulți ochi aș avea, cu atâta lucrurile toate dimprejurul meu ar părea mai mari.”

(Mihai Eminescu, *Sărmanul Dionis*)

„Dacă ar fi învățat carte, poate că ar fi fost și el printre dansatori, vesel, fără gânduri grele, fără trudă în oase! Dacă ar fi ascultat pe Herdelea...”

(Liviu Rebreanu, *Ion*)

„- Potrivit ar fi fost, mărite stăpâne, să nu ne pui alături de acești țărani cu mâinile cioturoase.

- Într-adevăr cioturoase, a răspuns Măria Sa; dar bine mănuiesc sulita și coasa, și dacă n-ar fi țara, n-ar fi nici boierii.”

(M. Sadoveanu, *Nicoară Potcoavă*)

„Înțeleg dilema d-tale, dar dacă n-o iei spre Athos, atunci va trebui să te împaci într-un fel cu dracii... Dacă te vei menține pe linia consecvenței teologice, vei ajunge la extazele [...]. Dacă însă nu ai tăria unei atari consecvențe, vei fi nevoit să te împaci în cele din urmă cu Erosul.”

(Lucian Blaga, *Luntrea lui Caron*)

„Dumneata, ori eu, sau altul, dacă ne-am putea afla în situația amicului Verigopolu, n-am putea desigur trece prin mulțimea care forfotește liniștită pe puntea Mogoșoaii, fără să vedem în fiecare dintre acele ființe un motiv mai mult de amărăciune, pentru sufletul nostru destul de amărât.”

(I.L. Caragiale, *Momente și schițe*)