Conditionals

62 Conditional sentences: type I
PEG 221

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tenses.

1 If I see him I (give) him a lift.
2 The table will collapse if you (stand) on it.
3 If he (eat) all that he will be ill.
4 If I find your passport I (telephone) you at once.
5 The police (arrest) him if they catch him.
6 If he (read) in bad light he will ruin his eyes.
7 Someone (steal) your car if you leave it unlocked.
8 What will happen if my parachute (not open)?
9 If he (wash) my car I'll give him £10.
10 If she (need) a radio she can borrow mine.
11 If you (not go) away I'll send for the police.
12 I'll be very angry if he (make) any more mistakes.
13 If he (be) late we'll go without him.
14 She will be absolutely furious if she (hear) about this.
15 If you put on the kettle I (make) the tea.
16 If you give my dog a bone he (bury) it at once.
17 If we leave the car here it (not be) in anybody's way.
18 He'll be late for the train if he (not start) at once.
19 If you come late they (not let) you in.
20 If he (go) on telling lies nobody will believe a word he says.
21 Unless he (sell) more he won't get much commission.
22 If I lend you £10 when you (repay) me?
23 We'll have to move upstairs if the river (rise) any higher.
24 If he (work) hard today can he have a holiday tomorrow?
25 Ice (turn) to water if you heat it.
26 If the house (burn) down we can claim compensation.
27 If you (not like) this one I'll bring you another.
28 Unless you are more careful you (have) an accident.
29 Tell him to ring me up if you (see) him.
30 If I tell you a secret, you (promise) not to tell it to anyone else?
31 If you (not believe) what I say, ask your mother.
32 If he (like) the house will he buy it?
33 If you will kindly sit down I (make) enquiries for you.
34 Unless I have a quiet room I (not be able) to do any work.
35 She won't open the door unless she (know) who it is.
36 Should you require anything else please (ring) the bell for the attendant.
63 Conditional sentences: type 2
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Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tenses.
1. If I had a typewriter I (type) it myself.
2. If I (know) his address I'd give it to you.
3. He (look) a lot better if he shaved more often.
4. If you (play) for lower stakes you wouldn't lose so much.
5. If he worked more slowly he (not make) so many mistakes.
6. I shouldn't drink that wine if I (be) you.
7. More tourists would come to this country if it (have) a better climate.
8. If I were sent to prison you (visit) me?
9. If someone (give) you a helicopter what would you do with it?
10. I (buy) shares in that company if I had some money.
11. If he (clean) his windscreen he'd be able to see where he was going.
12. If you drove your car into the river you (be able) to get out?
13. If you (not belong) to a union you couldn't get a job.
14. If I (win) a big prize in a lottery I'd give up my job.
15. What you (do) if you found a burglar in your house?
16. I could tell you what this means if I (know) Greek.
17. If everybody (give) £1 we would have enough.
18. He might get fat if he (stop) smoking.
19. If he knew that it was dangerous he (not come).
20. If you (see) someone drowning what would you do?
21. I (be) ruined if I bought her everything she asked for.
22. If you slept under a mosquito net you (not be) bitten so often.
23. I could get a job easily if I (have) a degree.
24. If she (do) her hair differently she might look quite nice.
25. If we had more rain our crops (grow) faster.
26. The whole machine would fall to pieces if you (remove) that screw.
27. I (keep) a horse if I could afford it. '
28. I'd go and see him more often if he (live) on a bus route.
29. If they (ban) the sale of alcohol at football matches there might be less violence.
30. I (offer) to help if I thought I'd be any use. '
31. What would you do if the lift (get) stuck between two floors?
32. If you (paint) the walls white the room would be much brighter.
33. If you (change) your job would it affect your pension?
34. If you knew you had only six weeks to live how you (spend) those six weeks?
35. You wouldn't have so much trouble with your car if you (have) it serviced regularly.
36. I'd climb over the wall if there (not be) so much broken glass on t of it.
Conditional sentences: type 3
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Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tenses.
1 If I had known that you were in hospital I (visit) you.
2 The ground was very soft. But for that, my horse (win).
3 If you (arrive) ten minutes earlier you would have got a seat.
4 You would have seen my garden at its best if you (be) here last week.
5 But for his quickness I (be) killed.
6 I shouldn't have believed it if I (not see) it with my own eyes.
7 If he had slipped he (fall) 500 metres.
8 If he had asked you, you (accept)?
9 If I (had) a map I would have been all right.
10 If I (know) that you were coming I’d have baked a cake.
11 I (offer) to help him if I had realized that he was ill.
12 If you had left that wasp alone it (not sting) you.
13 If I (realize) what a bad driver you were I wouldn't have come with you.
14 If I had realized that the traffic lights were red I (stop).
15 But for the fog we (reach) our destination ages ago.
16 If you had told me that he never paid his debts I (not lend) him the money.
17 If you (not sneeze) he wouldn't have known that we were there.
18 If you (put) some mustard in the sandwiches they would have tasted better.
19 The hens (not get) into the house if you had shut the door.
20 If he had known that the river was dangerous he (not try) to swim across it.
21 If you (speak) more slowly he might have understood you.
22 If he had known the whole story he (not be) so angry.
23 I shouldn't have eaten it if I (know) that there was ginger in it.
24 If I (try) again I think that I would have succeeded.
25 You (not get) into trouble if you had obeyed my instructions.
26 If you hadn't been in such a hurry you (not put) sugar into the sauce instead of salt.
27 If I (be) ready when he called he would have taken me with him.
28 She had a headache; otherwise she (come) with us.
29 If she had listened to my directions she (not turn) down the wrong street.
30 If you (look) at the engine for a moment you would have seen what was missing.
31 Rome (be captured) by her enemies if the geese hadn't cackled.
32 He would have been arrested if he (try) to leave the country.
33 I (take) a taxi if I had realized that it was such a long way.
34 You (save) me a lot of trouble if you had told me where you were going.
35 They would have forced their way into the house if I (not call) for help.
36 If he had put out his pipe before putting it in his pocket he (not burn) a hole in his coat.
Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tenses.

1. If you (find) a skeleton in the cellar don't mention it to anyone.
2. If you pass your examination we (have) a celebration.
3. What (happen) if I press this button?
4. I should have voted for her if I (have) a vote then.
5. If you go to Paris where you (stay)?
6. If someone offered to buy you one of those rings, which you (choose)?
7. The flight may be cancelled if the fog (get) thick.
8. If the milkman (come) tell him to leave two pints.
9. Someone (sit) on your glasses if you leave them there.
10. You would play better bridge if you (not talk) so much.
11. What I (do) if I hear the burglar alarm?
12. If you (read) the instructions carefully you wouldn't have answered the wrong question.
13. I could repair the roof myself if I (have) a long ladder.
14. Unless they turn that radio off I (go) mad.
15. If you were made redundant what you (do)?
16. We'll have a long way to walk if we (run) out of petrol here.
17. If you shake that bottle of port it (not be) fit to drink.
18. I'll probably get lost unless he (come) with me.
19. You (not have) so many accidents if you drove more slowly.
20. If you (wear) a false beard nobody would have recognized you.
21. If she (leave) the fish there the car will get it.
22. Unless they leave a lamp beside that hole in the road somebody into it.
23. You'll get pneumonia if you (not change) your wet clothes.
24. If I had known that you couldn't eat octopus I (not buy) it.
25. If they (hang) that picture lower people would be able to see it.
26. She (be able) to walk faster if her shoes hadn't such high heels.
27. I (bring) you some beer if I had known that you were thirsty.
28. If you had touched that electric cable you (be) electrocuted.
29. If the story hadn't been true the newspaper (not print) it.
30. I (not buy) things on the installment system if I were you.
31. Dial 999 if you (want) Police, Ambulance, or Fire Brigade.
32. You (not be) any use to me unless you learn to type.
33. If anyone attacked me, my dog (jump) at his throat.
34. If he were in he (answer) the phone.
35. The ship would have run aground if the pilot (make) one mistake.
36. I shouldn't have taken your umbrella if I (know) that it was the only one you had.
Finish these sentences, taking care to use the correct tenses.

1. If he had taken my advice . . .
2. If you ate less . . .
3. We'll send for the doctor if . . .
4. If she practised more . . .
5. If there isn't enough wine in that bottle . . .
6. If you had checked the petrol before we started . . .
7. This clock wouldn't have run down if . . .
8. Try on the blue one if . . .
9. If these gates are locked . . .
10. If we leave before breakfast . . .
11. If the river rises any higher . . .
12. Her life might have been saved if . . .
13. If the volcano starts erupting . . .
14. The grass would look better if . . .
15. Unless it is a nice day . . .
16. If you don't put enough stamps on a letter, the person who gets it . . .
17. He would lend it to you if . . .
18. Unless this hotel gets another cook . . .
19. If the storm becomes worse . . .
20. If your uncle sees you . . .
21. If you tried to climb it without a guide . . .
22. If you didn't shake the camera so much, your photographs . . .
23. I'd have brought my coat . . .
24. If (=as) you don't like the picture . . .
25. He would have given her diamonds if . . .
26. If you had asked his permission . . .
27. If the fire had been noticed earlier . . .
28. If you had any sense . . .
29. You would have been angry if . . .
30. If he had put the flowers into water at once . . .
31. I should have ordered more coal if . . .
32. If you leave the gate open . . .
33. You will have to go to the dentist if . . .
34. He would have been drowned if . . .
35. If I'd had a car . . .
36. If Tom rings while I'm out . . .
5 Conditionals

Exercise 62  1 will give 2 stand 3 eats 4 will telephone 5 will arrest 6 reads 7 will steal
8 doesn't open 9 washes 10 needs II don't go 12 makes 13 is 14 hears 15 will make 16 will bury 17
won't be 18 doesn't start 19 won't let or don't let (habit) 20 goes 21 sells 22 will you repay 23 rises
24 works 25 turns/will turn 26 burns 27 don't like 28 will have 29 see
30 will you promise 31 don't believe 32 likes 33 will make 34 shan't/won't be able
35 knows 36 ring

Exercise 63  1 would type 2 knew 3 would look 4 played 5 wouldn't make 6 were 7 had
8 would you visit 9 gave 10 would buy 11 cleaned 12 would you be able 13 didn't belong
14 won 15 would you do 16 knew 17 gave 18 stopped 19 wouldn't come 20 saw
21 would/should be 22 would not be bitten 23 had 24 did 25 would grow 26 removed
27 would keep 28 lived 29 banned/were to ban 30 would offer 31 got 32 painted
33 changed 34 would you spend 35 had 36 wasn't

Exercise 64 (should in the following answers may be replaced by would; contractions may be used
in the affirmative and negative.)

1 should have visited 2 would have won 3 had arrived 4 had been 5 should have been
6 had not seen 7 would have fallen 8 would you have accepted 9 had had 10 had known 11 should
have offered 12 would not have stung 13 had realized 14 should have stopped 15 should have
reached 16 should not have lent 17 had not sneezed 18 had put 19 would not have got 20 would not
have tried 21 had spoken 22 would not have been 23 had known 24 had tried 25 would not have got
26 would not have put 27 had been 28 would have come 29 would not have turned 30 had looked
31 would have been captured 32 had tried 33 should have taken 34 would have saved 35 had not
called 36 would not have

Exercise 65 (In the affirmative and negative shall and should can be; replaced by will and would
respectively; and contractions may be used. should in sentences 1, 7, 11 however does not change.)

1 find/should find 2 shall have 3 will happen 4 had had 5 will you stay 6 would you choose 7
gets/should get 8 comes 9 will sit 10 didn't talk 11 shall/should I do 12 had read 13 had 14 shall go
15 would you do 16 run 17 will not be 18 comes 19 would not have 20 had worn 21 leaves 22 will
fall 23 don't change 24 should not have bought 25 hung 26 would be able to/could 27 should have
brought 28 would have been 29 would not have printed 30 should not buy 31 want 32 won't be 33
would jump 34 would answer 35 had made
36 had known

Exercise 66 Open-ended sentences. No answers given.