

## real and unreal

- 1 They **won't** get a table unless they've already **booked**.  
Can I **borrow** your dictionary a moment if you're **not using** it?  
If it **stops** raining, I'm **going to** walk into town.
- 2 How **would** you **know** if he **wasn't telling** the truth?  
If we **had** a bit more time here, we **could go** on an all-day river trip.
- 3 I **would have picked** you up if I **had known** what time your flight arrived.  
If I'd **been looking** where I was going, I **would've seen** the hole in the road.

- 1 This kind of conditional sentence (Type 1) is used to talk about a possible present or future situation and its result.  
You can use any present tense in the *if* clause and any form of the future in the other clause.
- 2 Type 2 conditional sentences are used to talk about hypothetical or improbable situations in the present or future.  
You can use the past tense (simple or continuous) in the *if* clause and *would* + infinitive (or *could* / *might*) in the other clause.
- 3 Type 3 conditional sentences are used to talk about a hypothetical situation in the past.  
You can use the past perfect (simple or continuous) in the *if* clause and *would have* + infinitive (or *could* / *might have*) in the other clause.

## mixed conditionals

I **wouldn't be** in this mess if I **had listened** to your advice.  
Jane **would have left** Mike by now if she **didn't** still love him.

If we want to refer to the present and the past in the same sentence, we can mix tenses from two different types of conditional, e.g.  
*I wouldn't be in this mess* (type 2) ... *if I had listened to your advice* (type 3).  
*Jane would have left Mike by now* (type 3) *if she didn't still love him* (type 2).

alternatives to *if* in conditional sentences

- 1 I'll tell you what happened **as long as** / **so long as** you promise not to tell anyone else.  
**Provided** / **Providing (that)** the bank lends us all the money we need, we're going to buy that flat we liked.  
They agreed to lend us the car **on condition (that)** we returned it by the weekend.
- 2 I'm going to sell the car **whether** you agree with me **or not**.
- 3 **Even if** I get the job, I'm going to carry on living with my parents for a while.
- 4 **Supposing** you lost your job, what would you do?
- 5 **Had I known** that you were coming, I would have bought a bottle of wine.

- a Right (✓) or wrong (X)? Correct the mistakes in the highlighted phrases.

If you hadn't been here last night, I don't know what I would do. *what I would have done*

- 1 They **wouldn't have made** you Marketing Manager if they didn't think you were right for the job.
- 2 The government would accept more refugees if the camp **isn't** so crowded.
- 3 If you've done all your homework, you can go out this evening.
- 4 We **wouldn't be living** in Singapore now if my company hadn't been taken over by a multinational.
- 5 Hannah would be in the first team if she **didn't get** injured last month.
- 6 If you've ever been to New York, you **will know exactly** what I'm talking about.
- 7 They **would get divorced** ages ago if they didn't have young children.
- 8 If the storm **wasn't at night**, more people would have died.
- 9 If their flight hasn't been delayed, they **will have** arrived by now.

- b Complete the sentences with *one* word. Don't use *if*.

*Supposing* we missed the last train, how would we get home?

- 1 My father has agreed to lend me the money \_\_\_\_\_ I pay it back by the end of the year.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ if I had played my best, I still wouldn't have beaten him.
- 3 I'll tell you exactly what happened as \_\_\_\_\_ as you promise not to tell anyone.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ the rebels not surrendered, there would have been a lot more casualties.
- 5 The company will only employ me on \_\_\_\_\_ that I sign a two-year contract.
- 6 We've decided we're going to go ahead with the event \_\_\_\_\_ we sell all the tickets or not.
- 7 I'm convinced Amy won't go back with her boyfriend, \_\_\_\_\_ if he apologizes.
- 8 You can go to the party \_\_\_\_\_ long as you are home by midnight at the latest.
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ we do buy a dog, who's going to take it for walks?
- 10 I'm going to make an appointment for you at the doctor's \_\_\_\_\_ you like it or not.
- 11 \_\_\_\_\_ the plane not caught fire, there would have been more survivors.

