Condicionales en inglés (PDF) — guía completa

Teoría clara + ejemplos + ejercicios con soluciones (Zero, First, Second, Third, mixtos y alternativas). Material de repaso para clase presencial y preparación Cambridge.

1) Qué son los condicionales y cómo elegir el tipo

Los condicionales unen una condición (if-clause) y un resultado (main clause). El tiempo verbal se elige según el tipo de realidad: hechos generales (0), futuro posible (1), hipótesis (2) o pasado imaginario (3).

Orden típico: If + condición, resultado. También puedes invertir el orden: resultado + if + condición.

2) Zero Conditional (0)

Uso: verdades generales, ciencia y rutinas. Estructura: If + Present Simple, Present Simple.

Ej.: If you heat water to 100°C, it boils.

3) First Conditional (1)

Uso: futuro realista/posible. Estructura: If + Present Simple, will + infinitive.

Ej.: If it rains, we'll stay at home.

Truco: normalmente no se usa 'will' en la if-clause (If it rains..., no 'If it will rain...').

4) Second Conditional (2)

Uso: hipótesis en presente/futuro (imaginario o poco probable). Estructura: If + Past Simple, would + infinitive.

Ej.: If I had more time, I would travel more.

Nota: con 'be', en registro formal se usa 'were': If I were you, ...

5) Third Conditional (3)

Uso: pasado imposible (arrepentimientos / 'qué habría pasado si'). Estructura: If + Past Perfect, would have + past participle.

Ej.: If we had left earlier, we would have caught the train.

6) Variantes frecuentes

- Modales en la consecuencia (can/may/might): If you study, you might pass.
- Imperativo: If you see John, tell him.
- Unless (= if not): Unless you hurry, you'll miss it.
- As long as / provided (that): I'll help as long as you ask politely.
- Mixed conditionals: If I had studied, I would be confident now.

Ejercicios — completa la frase (20)

1. 1. If you _____ (heat) ice, it _____ (melt).
2. 2. If it _____ (rain) tomorrow, we _____ (cancel) the match.
3. 3. If I _____ (be) you, I _____ (talk) to the teacher.
4. 4. If she _____ (study) more, she _____ (pass) the exam.
5. 5. If we _____ (leave) earlier, we _____ (not/miss) the bus.
6. 6. Unless you _____ (apologize), I _____ (not/help) you.
7. 7. If he _____ (have) a car, he _____ (drive) to work.
8. 8. If you _____ (mix) red and blue, you _____ (get) purple.
9. 9. If they _____ (arrive) late, they _____ (not/get) in.
10. 10. If I _____ (know) about the offer, I _____ (buy) it.
11. 11. If you _____ (not/hurry), you _____ (be) late.
12. 12. If we _____ (not/have) meetings, we _____ (finish) earlier.
13. 13. If I _____ (win) the lottery, I _____ (donate) some money.
14. 14. If you _____ (touch) that wire, you _____ (get) a shock.
15. 15. If she _____ (call) me, I _____ (tell) you.
16. 16. If they _____ (train) more, they _____ (play) better now. (mixed)
17. 17. If I _____ (not/forget) the keys, we _____ (be) inside now. (mixed)
18. 18. If you _____ (need) help, you _____ (can) message me.
19. 19. If I _____ (see) him yesterday, I _____ (say) hello.
20. 20. Provided that you _____ (pay) today, we _____ (reserve) your place.

Encuentra el error — corrige la frase (10)

21. 1. If I will see her, I tell her the news.

22. 2. If I would have time, I would help you.
23. 3. If you studied, you will pass tomorrow.
24. 4. If I was you, I would say sorry.
25. 5. If we would leave earlier, we would catch the train.
26. 6. Unless you don't hurry, you'll miss it.
27. 7. If she will call, I would answer.
28. 8. If I had knew, I would have come.
29. 9. If it rains yesterday, we stayed home.
30. 10. If you would like coffee, tell me.

Soluciones

- 1) heat / melts (0)
- 2) rains / will cancel (1)
- 3) were / would talk (2)
- 4) studied / would pass (2)
- 5) had left / wouldn't have missed (3)
- 6) apologize / won't help (1 con unless)
- 7) had / would drive (2)
- 8) mix / get (0)
- 9) arrive / won't get (1)
- 10) had known / would have bought (3)
- 11) don't hurry / will be (1)
- 12) didn't have / would finish (2)
- 13) won / would donate (2)
- 14) touch / get (0)
- 15) calls / will tell (1)
- 16) had trained / would play (mixed: past -> now)
- 17) hadn't forgotten / would be (mixed: past -> now)
- 18) need / can (1 con modal)
- 19) had seen / would have said (3)
- 20) pay / will reserve (1 con provided)

Encuentra el error (correcciones):

- 1) If I see her, I'll tell her the news.
- 2) If I had time, I would help you.
- 3) If you study, you will pass tomorrow. (o If you studied, you would pass.)
- 4) If I were you, I would say sorry.
- 5) If we left earlier, we would catch the train. (o If we had left, we would have caught.)
- 6) Unless you hurry, you'll miss it. (o If you don't hurry...)

- 7) If she calls, I will answer. (o If she called, I would answer.)
- 8) If I had known, I would have come.
- 9) If it rained yesterday, we stayed home.
- 10) If you'd like coffee, tell me.