

Grammar L2GLO8

Real and Unreal Conditionals

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| Learning Outcome 8: Conditionals: first & second |
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NOTICING A Read the sentences. Answer the questions below.

1. If I get a good grade on this test, I will be really happy.
2. If my brother had his own boat, he would spend his life traveling the seas.
3. We will stay inside tomorrow if it's very hot.
4. If the team loses again this week, I won't go to watch them play again.
5. You would earn a lot of money if you got a job as a top manager tomorrow.
6. I wouldn't worry about anything if I was a famous footballer.

Write the correct numbers. Which sentences are about things that ...

- a. are real or possible? ____ , ____ , ____
- b. aren't real, but we can imagine them? ____ , ____ , ____

Real and Unreal Conditionals

Conditional sentences are sentences with *if* in them. There are different types of conditional sentences.

The first conditional/future real conditional (*if* + simple present, *will/won't* + verb) describes a situation that is real or possible and its result in the future.

The second conditional/present unreal conditional (*if* + simple past, *would/wouldn't* + verb) describes a situation that is not real now, but you can imagine it and its result.

In both types of conditional sentences, the *if* part can come before or after the result.

B Complete the conditional sentences with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

1. If I _____ (have) all the money in the world, I would help people who need help.
2. If the manager _____ (like) me, he'll ask me to come for a second interview.
3. If you know everything in this book, you _____ (do) well in the exam.
4. If I _____ (invite) Cameron to my party, would he come?
5. The beaches _____ (be) much cleaner if everyone took their trash home with them.
6. Faisal _____ (call) his friends if he can't see them during the summer vacation.

C Note down the things below about this week. Then write one conditional sentence about each thing.

1. three things that are real or possible and their results.
2. three things that aren't real or very possible, but you can imagine them and their results.

D Work in pairs. Read your sentences from exercise C to your partner. Help your partner correct any errors in his/her sentences.