

Grammar

Exercise 1: Conditionals in the past

(Describing what would have happened if a condition had become true but did not)

Place the following sentences into the third conditional. Use contractions where appropriate.

1. If you _____ (be) on time, we _____ (not miss) the train.
2. If we _____ (not complain), we _____ (not receive) a refund.
3. If I _____ (study) computer science, I _____ (be) able to get a better job.
4. We _____ (be) late if we _____ (not take) a taxi.

Exercise 2: Conditionals in the present

(Describing conditions that probably won't come true or which cannot possibly come true)

Place the following sentences into the second conditional. Use contractions where appropriate.

1. If I _____ (have) more money, I _____ (invest) in stocks.
2. If I _____ (am) you, I _____ (not have) anything to do with that company.
3. We _____ (buy) the equipment we need if we _____ (have) a bigger budget.
4. If you _____ (speak) excellent English, you _____ (be) able to get a better-paying job.

Exercise 3: Conditionals in the future

(Describing conditions that might easily become true in the future)

Place the following sentences into the first conditional. Use contractions where appropriate.

1. If the CEO _____ (resign), I _____ (apply) for the job.
2. If you _____ (not get off the phone) now, you _____ (be) late.
3. We _____ (not go) to the tradeshow if our business partners _____ (do not exhibit) there.
4. I _____ (give) her the message if I _____ (see) her.

Exercise 3: The zero conditional

(Describing facts)

Place the following sentences into the zero conditional. Use contractions where appropriate.

1. When animals _____ (be) scared, they _____ (run) away.
2. When companies _____ (be) short of cash, they _____ (scale) back.
3. If you _____ (boil) water, it _____ (turn) to steam.

The solutions are on page 35.