



Conditionals

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Conditional Sentences

True in the Present and Future

Conditional Sentences

condition



If it rains,

result



the ground gets wet.

Conditional Sentences



If it rains, the ground gets wet.
condition result

Conditional Sentences

independent clause

dependent clause

The ground gets wet **if it rains.**
result condition



Conditional Sentences:

True in the Present and Future

If it rains, I usually wear my rain boots.

If it rains tomorrow, I probably won't ride my bike.

If I ride my bike in the rain, I should be cautious.

If you like riding bikes, ride with me!

simple present

Conditional Sentences:

True in the Present and Future

dependent clause

independent clause (result clause)

simple present

If it rains, I usually wear my rain boots.

simple present

If it rains tomorrow, I probably won't ride my bike.

future

If I ride my bike in the rain, I should be cautious.

modal

If you like riding bikes, ride with me!

command

Careful!

A. If I will have time tomorrow,

B. If I have time tomorrow,

_____ I'll go to the beach.

Careful!

**Never use the future tense
in the dependent clause!**

~~A. If I will have time tomorrow,~~

B. If I have time tomorrow, I'll go to the beach.

Can you complete the sentences?

1. If I have time this weekend, I _____. *future*
2. If I have time in the evening, I usually _____. *simple present*
3. I might move to Hollywood if _____. *simple present*
4. If you visit my hometown some day, _____. *future-modal or command*

Other Ways to Express Condition

Part 1

only if

if so

if not



I will only make it through this day if I have some coffee.

only if

to emphasize a condition

I will **only** be able to make it through this day
if I have some coffee.

only if

to emphasize a condition

I will be able to make it through this day
only if I have some coffee.



Only if you write this report for me, can you have a sip.

only if

Subject and Auxiliary
Inversion

Only if you write this report for me,
can you have a sip.



only if

Subject and Auxiliary
Inversion

Only if you write this report for me,



can you have a sip.

auxiliary

subject

(**You can** have a sip).

only if

Subject and Auxiliary
Inversion

I ride my bike to work nearly every day.

Only if it rains, **do** I take the bus.



I take the bus **only if** it rains.





Are you too tired? If so, nod your head.

if so

- to shorten an if-clause
- the condition is obvious

Are you tired? **If so**, nod your head.

**(If you are tired**, nod your head.)

if not

- to shorten an if-clause
- the condition is obvious

You have to get up! You have to get motivated!

If not, you will be here all day!

if not

- to shorten an if-clause
- the condition is obvious

You have to get up! You have to get motivated!

If not, you will be here all day!



**(If you don't get up and get motivated,
you will be here all day.)**

Other Ways to Express Condition

Part 2

provided

as long as

unless

Will Emily be accepted to Clown School?



You'll be accepted provided that you complete the tasks outlined below.



Provided that you complete these tasks, you'll be admitted to our program.



provided

- like “only if”
- formal

Provided that you complete these tasks,
you will be admitted to our program.

(You will be admitted
only if you complete these tasks.)

I'll come out as long as
you promise not to laugh.



I promise not to laugh
unless it's funny.



I won't come out
unless you close your eyes.



as long as

- like “only if”
- less formal



I will come out **as long as** you promise not to laugh.

(I will come out **only if** you promise not to laugh.)

unless



like “if...not” or
“except if”

I promise not to laugh **unless** it's funny.

(I promise not to laugh **except if** it's funny.)

(The only way I will laugh is if it's funny.)

unless



like “if...not” or
“except if”

I won't come out **unless**
you close your eyes.

(I won't come out **if you don't close your eyes.**)

(The only way I will come out is if you close your eyes.)

unless

is the opposite of

only if



If there is a clown at the party,
Spencer will not come.

Spencer will come to the party
unless there is a clown.

unless

is the opposite of

only if



She thinks there should be a clown
at every party!

She will go to the party **only if**
there is a clown there!



Clauses that Follow "Wish"



The grass is always greener
on the other side of the fence.

We often **wish** for reality to be different.



wish = want something different from reality



wish about the future



wish about the present



wish about the past



wishes about the future



Reality:

I am not going to the beach tomorrow.



Wish:

I wish that I **were going** to the beach tomorrow.



wishes about the future



Reality:



I am not going to the beach tomorrow.
I am going to work tomorrow.



Wish:

I wish that I **were going** to the beach tomorrow.
I wish that I **were not going** to work tomorrow.



wishes about the future



Reality:

I am not going to the beach tomorrow.

I am going to work tomorrow.



Wish:



Subject + *wish* + noun clause

I wish that I **were going** to the beach tomorrow.

I wish that I **were not going** to work tomorrow.



wishes about the future



Reality:

Tomorrow is Monday.

Wish:

I wish **(that) tomorrow were Saturday.**





wishes about the future



Reality:

My boss **will not cancel** work tomorrow.

Wish:

I wish **(that) he would cancel** work tomorrow.





wishes about the future



Reality:

My boss **will not cancel** work tomorrow.

Wish:

I wish **(that) he would cancel** work tomorrow.



~~**WRONG:** I wish that he will cancel work tomorrow.~~



wishes about the present



Reality:

I **am** short. I **am** not tall at all.

Wish:





wishes about the present



Reality:

I **am** short. I **am** not tall at all.

Wish:

Sometimes I wish (that)
I **were** taller.





wishes about the present



Reality:



Ricky is really busy and he **has** very little free time.

Wish:

He wishes that he **had** more free time.

WRONG: ~~He wishes that he has more free time.~~

No present tense in the dependent clause!





wishes about the past

Reality:

I **didn't wear** an apron while cooking.



Wish:

I wish that I **had worn** an apron while cooking.



wishes about the past

Reality:

I **didn't wear** an apron while cooking.

I **stained** my shirt.



Wish:

I wish that I **had worn** an apron while cooking.

I wish I **had not stained** my shirt.



wishes about the past

Reality:

I **didn't wear** an apron while cooking.

I **stained** my shirt.



Wish:

I wish that I **had worn** an apron while cooking.

I wish I **had not stained** my shirt.

Use the **past perfect** in the noun clause.



Clauses after "Wish"



Future

will

He won't buy her flowers.

I wish he **would** buy her flowers.

be

I am going to the dentist tomorrow.

I wish I **weren't** going to the dentist tomorrow.

can

I can't swim.

I wish I **could** swim.



Clauses after "Wish"



Present

be

Louis is not a rich man.

Louis wishes he **were** a rich man.

can

I cannot make myself invisible.

I wish I **could** make myself invisible.

*other
verbs*

My parents live far away from me.

I wish my parents **lived** closer to me.