

CONDITIONALS



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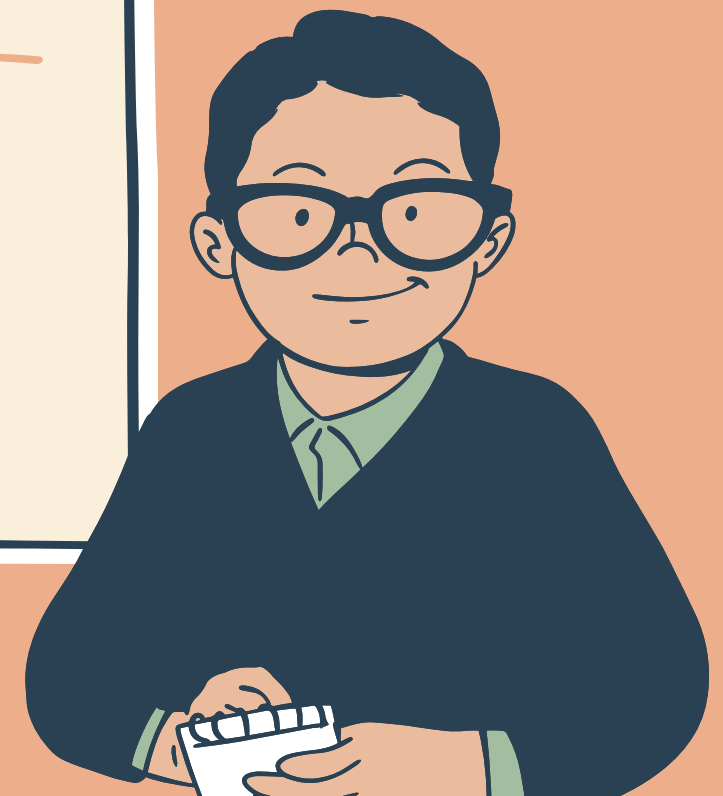
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INTRODUCTION TO CONDITIONALS

What are Conditionals?

Conditionals are structures used to talk about situations that are dependent on other situations. We use them to express:

- Real situations: Things that are likely or possible.
- Unreal situations: Things that are imaginary, hypothetical, or contrary to reality.



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ZERO CONDITIONAL

Structure:

- **Form:** If + present simple, + present simple
- **Example:**
 - If you heat water to 100°C, it boils.
 - If I wake up late, I miss the bus.

Explanation:

- The zero conditional is used to talk about things that are always true or general facts—the cause always leads to the same result. It's often used in science or rules of nature.
- The result happens in the present, and we use the present simple tense for both parts.

Example:

- If you add salt to water, it boils at a higher temperature.
 - This is a scientific fact—it happens all the time.



FIRST CONDITIONAL

Structure:

- **Form:** If + present simple, + will + infinitive
- **Example:**
 - If it rains tomorrow, we will stay inside.
 - If I study hard, I will pass the exam.

Explanation:

- The first conditional refers to real situations that are likely to happen in the future.
- It's used when the condition is possible or likely to occur.
- We use the present simple in the "if" clause, and will + verb in the main clause.

Example:

- If I finish work early, I will go to the gym.
 - The possibility is real, and if the condition happens (finishing work early), the result (going to the gym) will follow.

Note on Variation:

- In addition to will, we can also use may, might, or can to express less certainty or ability:
 - If I go to the party, I might meet new people.
 - If she studies harder, she can pass the test.

SECOND CONDITIONAL

Structure:

Form: If + past simple, + would + infinitive

Example:

If I were you, I would talk to my manager.

If I won the lottery, I would travel the world.

Explanation:

The second conditional talks about unreal or hypothetical situations. These are unlikely to happen or are impossible in the present or future.

The second conditional is often used for advice, imaginary situations, and desires.

We use the past simple in the "if" clause, and would + verb in the main clause.

For the verb "to be", use were for all subjects (even with "I", "he", "she").

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SECOND CONDITIONAL

Example:

If I had a million dollars, I would buy a house by the sea.

This is a hypothetical situation. The speaker doesn't have a million dollars now, but if they did, they would buy a house.

Note:

If I were you... is a common expression of advice, even though it's technically in the second conditional.

If I were you, I would talk to the teacher about your grades.

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THIRD CONDITIONAL

Structure:

- Form: If + past perfect, + would have + past participle
- Example:
 - If I had studied harder, I would have passed the exam.
 - If I had known about the party, I would have gone.

Explanation:

- The third conditional expresses regret or imaginary situations in the past. We use it to talk about situations that didn't happen but could have happened if things had been different.
- The past perfect is used in the "if" clause to talk about the condition in the past, and would have + past participle expresses the result of that condition in the past.

Example:

- If I had woken up earlier, I would have caught the bus.
 - The person didn't wake up earlier, so they didn't catch the bus. It's a hypothetical situation in the past that didn't happen.

MIXED CONDITIONALS

Structure:

- Form 1: If + past perfect, + would + infinitive
- Form 2: If + past simple, + would have + past participle

Form 1 Example:

- If I had studied harder, I would be at university now.
 - This means that in the past, the person didn't study hard, and because of that, they are not at university now.

Form 2 Example:

- If I were rich, I would have bought that car last year.
 - The speaker is not rich now, and because of that, they didn't buy the car last year.

Explanation:

- Mixed conditionals combine second and third conditionals. They express a situation where a past event affects the present or where a present situation could have affected the past.
- The first form of mixed conditional talks about how a past action affects the present, while the second form talks about how a present situation affects the past.

ALTERNATIVES TO "IF"

There are many alternatives to "if" that you can use to express conditionals in different ways.

Unless = "If not"

Unless it rains, we will have a picnic.

(Meaning: "If it does not rain, we will have a picnic.")

Provided (that) = "If" (under a specific condition)

You can go out provided that you finish your homework first.

(Meaning: "You can go out if you finish your homework first.")

As long as = "If" (similar meaning to "provided that")

I'll help you as long as you ask nicely.

(Meaning: "I'll help you if you ask nicely.")

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ALTERNATIVES TO "IF"

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In case = "If" (to express precaution or preparedness)

- Take an umbrella in case it rains.
- (Meaning: "Take an umbrella if it rains.")

Even if = "If" (to talk about something happening regardless of the condition)

- I will go swimming even if it's cold.
- (Meaning: "I will go swimming, even if it's cold outside.")

These alternatives help avoid repetition and allow you to vary your language.

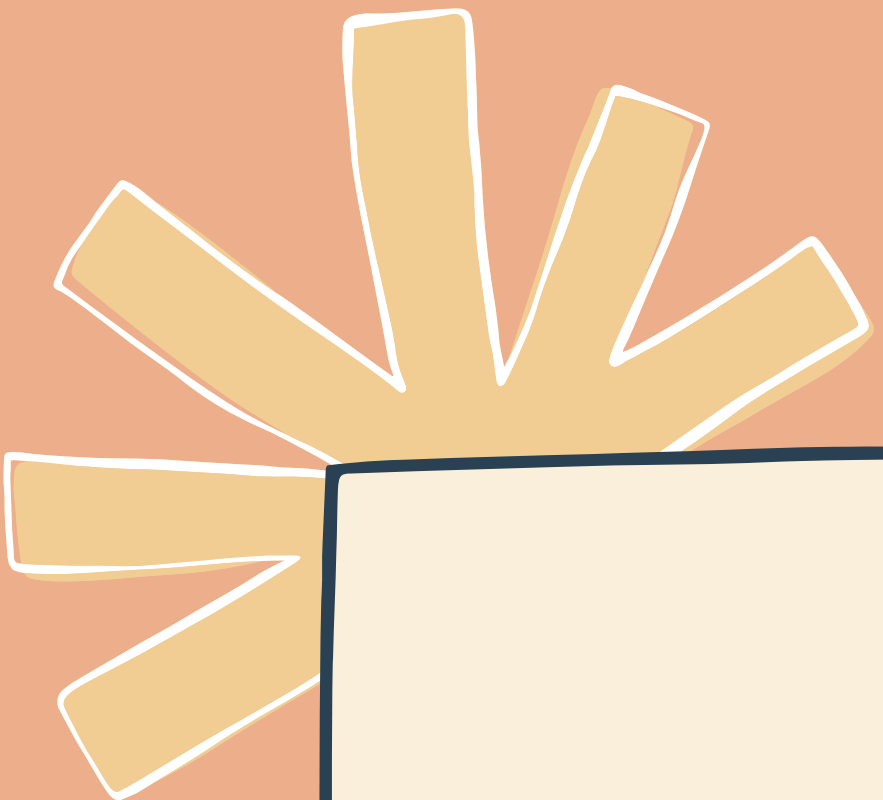
EXERCISE 1

Complete the Sentences with the Correct Conditional Form (Zero, First, Second, or Third)

Instructions: Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in parentheses. Choose the appropriate conditional (Zero, First, Second, or Third).

1. If you _____ (heat) water to 100°C, it _____ (boil).
2. If it _____ (rain) tomorrow, we _____ (stay) indoors.
3. If I _____ (win) the lottery, I _____ (buy) a new car.
4. If I _____ (study) harder, I _____ (pass) the test last week.
5. If I _____ (be) you, I _____ (talk) to the teacher about your problem.
6. If I _____ (not eat) so much, I _____ (feel) better now.
7. If they _____ (not forget) to set the alarm, they _____ (arrive) on time yesterday.
8. If you _____ (ask) me, I _____ (help) you.

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ANSWER KEY

- 1.heat, boils
- 2.rains, will stay
- 3.won, would buy
- 4.studied, would have passed
- 5.were, would talk
- 6.hadn't eaten, would feel
- 7.hadn't forgotten, would have arrived
- 8.ask, will help

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EXERCISE 2

Choose the Correct Conditional

Instructions: Choose the correct answer for each sentence.

1. If he _____ (will study / studies) more, he will pass the exam.
2. If she _____ (had studied / studied) harder, she would have passed the exam.
3. If I _____ (am / were) rich, I would travel the world.
4. If you _____ (heat / heated) the metal, it would melt.
5. If I _____ (had known / know) about the event, I would have gone.
6. If you _____ (don't hurry / hurry), you will miss the bus.
7. If I _____ (were / am) you, I would take the job offer.

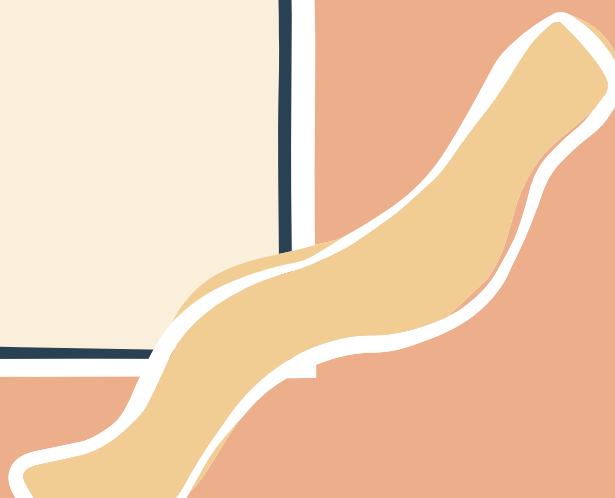
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ANSWER KEY

1. studies
2. had studied
3. were
4. heated
5. had known
6. don't hurry
7. were

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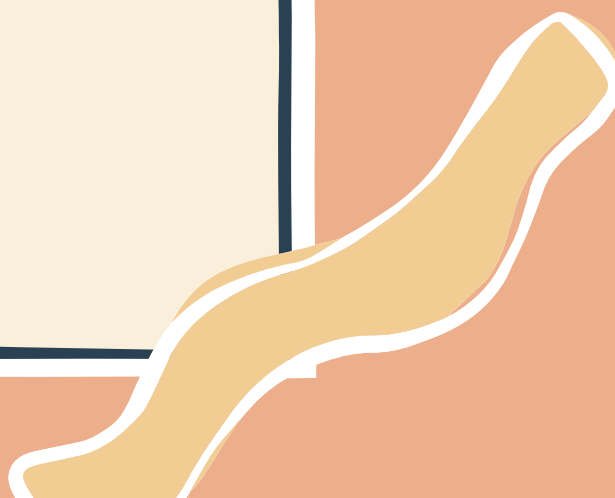
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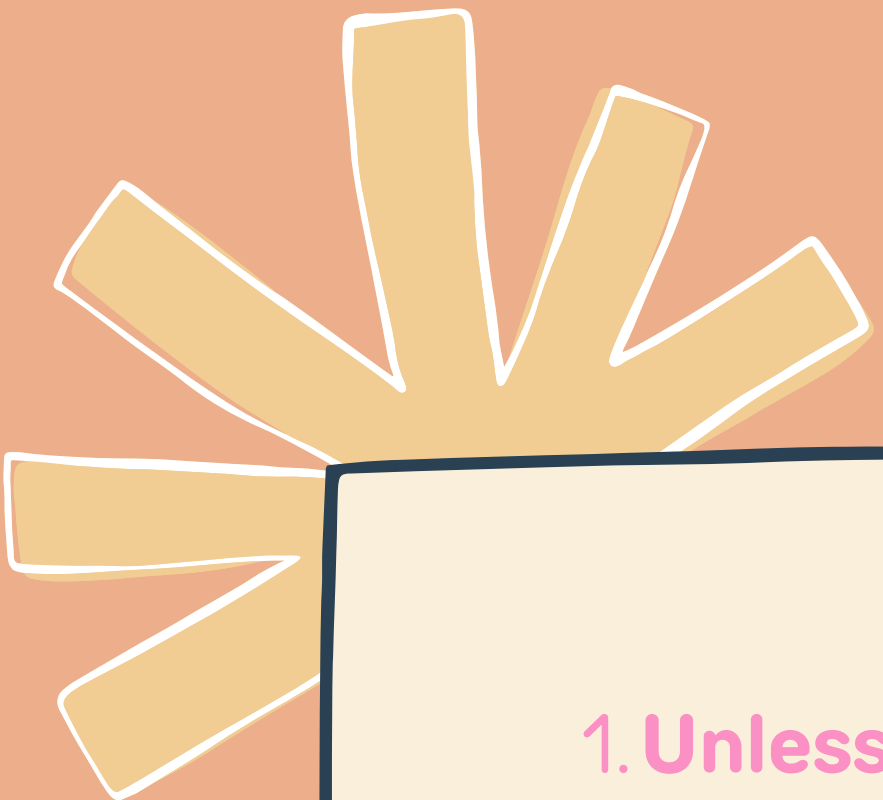
Rewrite the Sentences Using Alternatives to "If"

Instructions: Rewrite the following sentences using an alternative expression (unless, provided that, as long as, in case, even if).

1. If you don't eat breakfast, you'll feel tired.
2. If it rains, I'll stay home.
3. If you finish your homework, you can go out.
4. If I were you, I'd ask for help.
5. I'll go to the party if I can find someone to drive me.
6. If you tell me the truth, I won't be angry.
7. If you go outside, take a jacket in case it gets cold.

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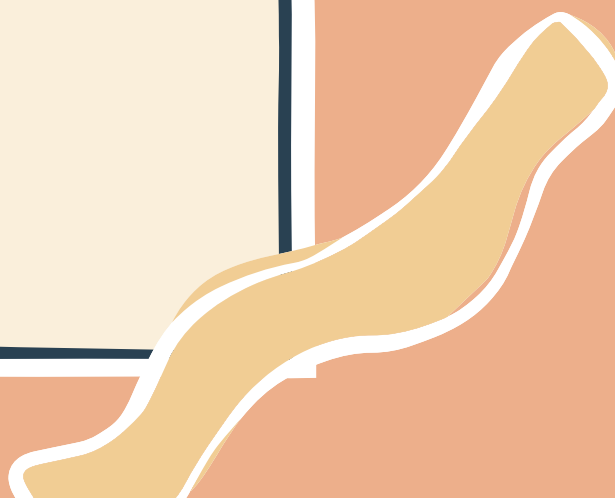




ANSWER KEY

1. Unless you eat breakfast, you'll feel tired.
2. In case it rains, I'll stay home.
3. You can go out provided that you finish your homework.
4. If I were you, I'd ask for help.
5. I'll go to the party if I can find someone to drive me.
6. I won't be angry even if you tell me the truth.
7. Take a jacket in case it gets cold.

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EXERCISE 4

Mix and Match (Mixed Conditionals)

Instructions: Match the halves of the sentences. One half expresses a past condition, and the other half expresses a present result (or vice versa).

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| 1. If I had studied harder, | a) I would be living in a different city now. |
| 2. If I were you, | b) I would have gone to the party last night. |
| 3. If I had known about the problem, | c) I would be feeling better now. |
| 4. If she were more organised, | d) I would have called you earlier. |
| 5. If I hadn't missed the flight, | e) I would talk to the manager about your situation. |
| 6. If I had asked for directions, | f) we would have arrived on time. |

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ANSWER KEY

- 1. **a**
- 2. **e**
- 3. **d**
- 4. **f**
- 5. **b**
- 6. **c**

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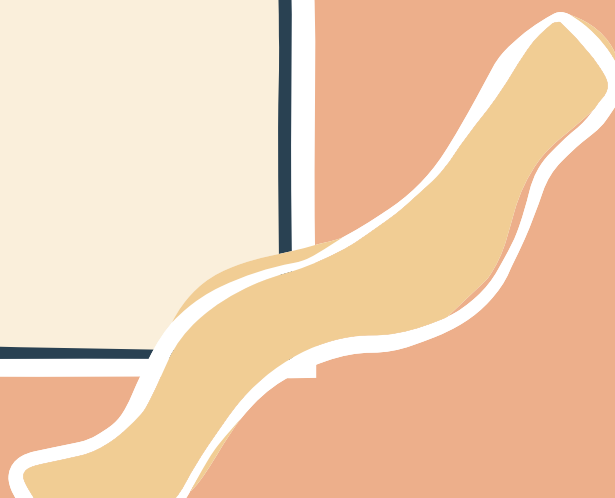
EXERCISE 5

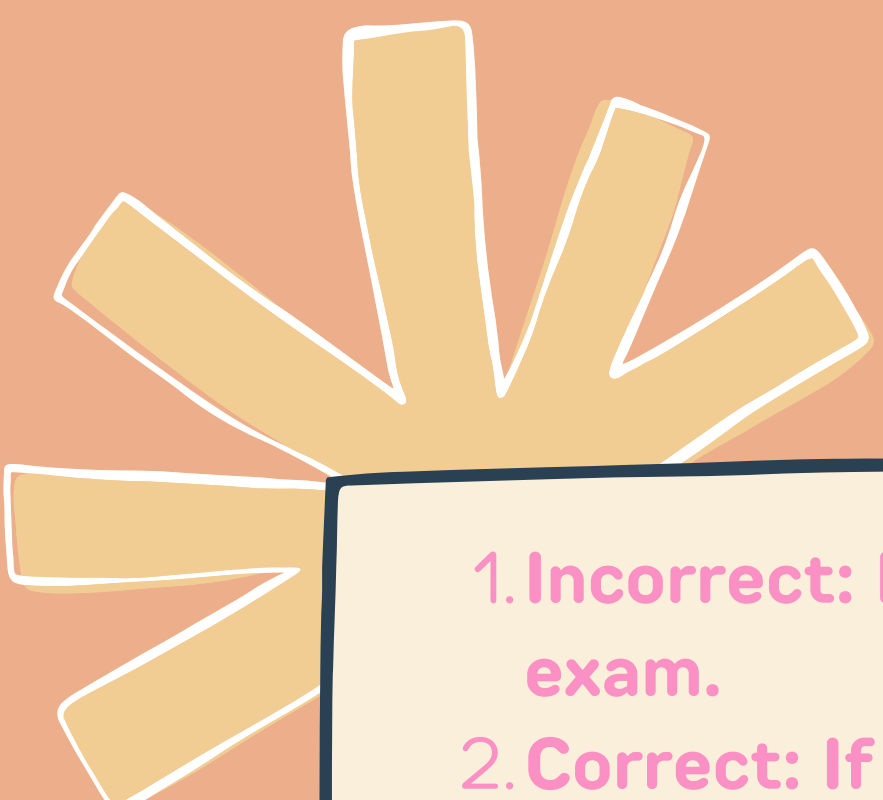
Error Correction

Instructions: Each sentence below contains an error related to conditionals. Identify and correct the mistake.

1. If she would have studied harder, she would have passed the exam.
2. If I am you, I would try to be more careful.
3. If we will leave earlier, we can avoid the traffic.
4. If you heat the water, it would boil.
5. If I knew the answer, I would tell you.
6. If I hadn't been so tired yesterday, I will go to the gym.

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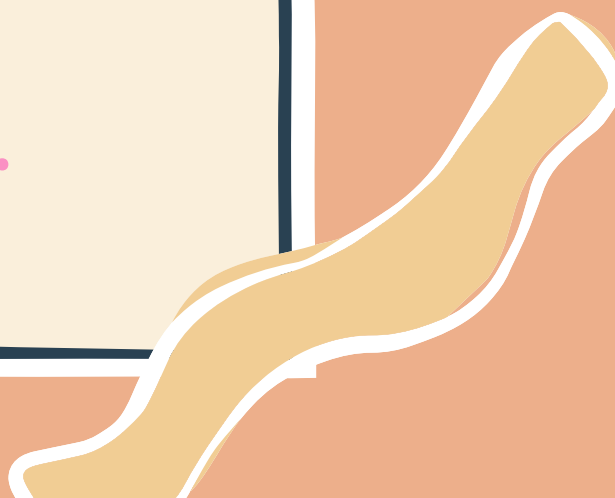




ANSWER KEY

1. **Incorrect:** If she would have studied harder, she would have passed the exam.
2. **Correct:** If she had studied harder, she would have passed the exam.
3. **Incorrect:** If I am you, I would try to be more careful.
4. **Correct:** If I were you, I would try to be more careful.
5. **Incorrect:** If we will leave earlier, we can avoid the traffic.
6. **Correct:** If we leave earlier, we can avoid the traffic.
7. **Incorrect:** If you heat the water, it would boil.
8. **Correct:** If you heat the water, it boils. (Zero conditional: general truth)
9. **Incorrect:** If I knew the answer, I would tell you.
10. **Correct:** If I knew the answer, I would tell you. (Second conditional, correct form)
11. **Incorrect:** If I hadn't been so tired yesterday, I will go to the gym.
12. **Correct:** If I hadn't been so tired yesterday, I would have gone to the gym.

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EXERCISE 6

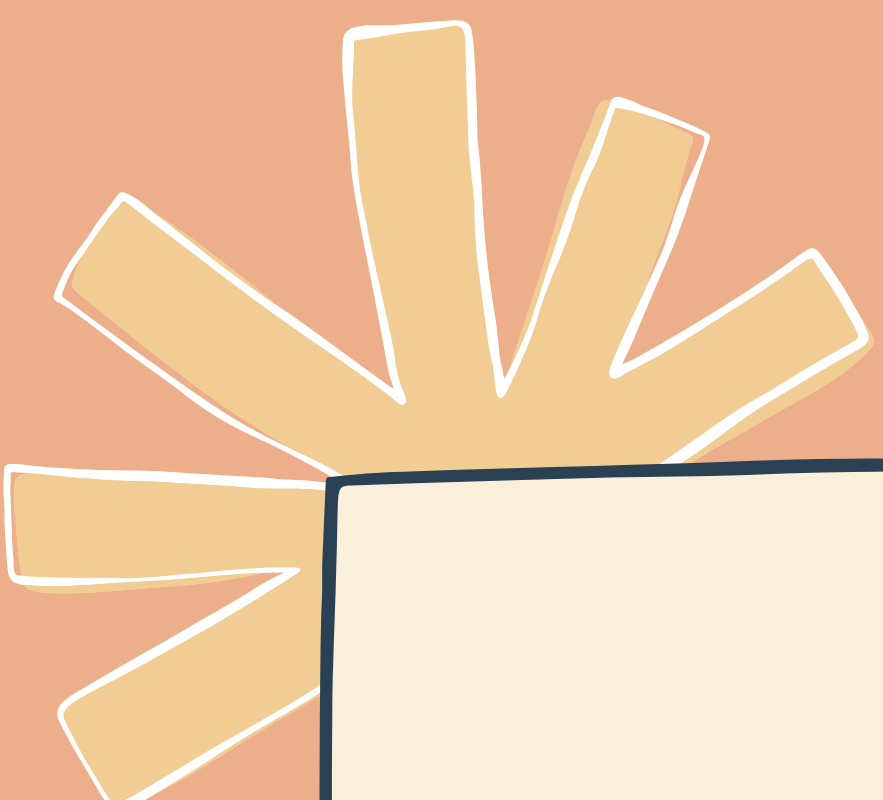
Create Sentences (Mix and Match)

Instructions: Use the word bank to create sentences with the correct conditional form. Write the full sentences.

Word Bank:

- If / I / I / buy / a new car / be / rich
- study / hard / I / pass / the test / if
- eat / too much / I / feel / sick / if
- he / arrive / earlier / catch / the bus / if / not / miss
- If / he / go / out / late / he / be / tired / tomorrow / wake / up

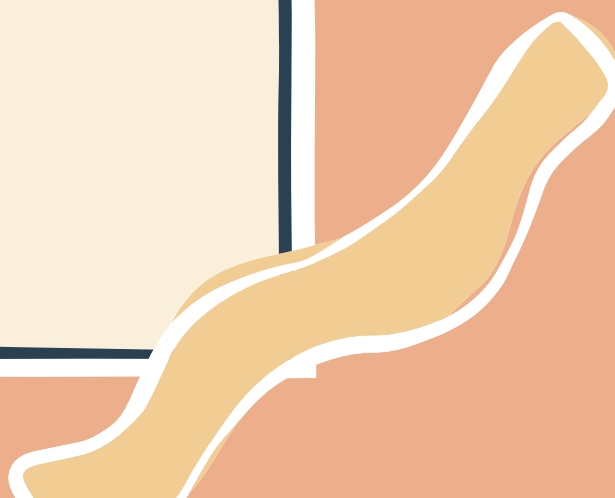
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ANSWER KEY

1. **Sentence:** If I were rich, I would buy a new car. (Second conditional)
2. **Sentence:** If I study hard, I will pass the test. (First conditional)
3. **Sentence:** If I eat too much, I feel sick. (Zero conditional)
4. **Sentence:** If he had arrived earlier, he wouldn't have missed the bus. (Third conditional)
5. **Sentence:** If he goes out late, he will be tired tomorrow. (First conditional)

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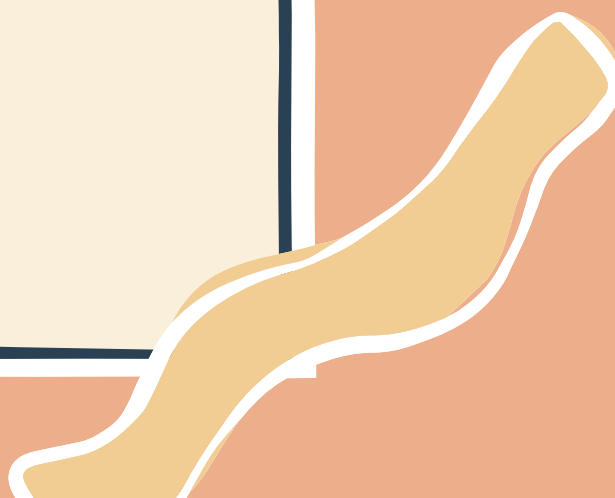
EXERCISE 7

Writing Practice (Real-World Scenarios)

Instructions: Answer the following questions using first, second, or third conditionals.

1. **Imagine you're planning a trip. What will you do if you miss your flight?**
2. **Think of a time when you made a mistake. What would you have done differently if you had known what would happen?**
3. **If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you live? Why?**
4. **What would you do if you found a large sum of money on the street?**
5. **What happens if you don't study for a test?**

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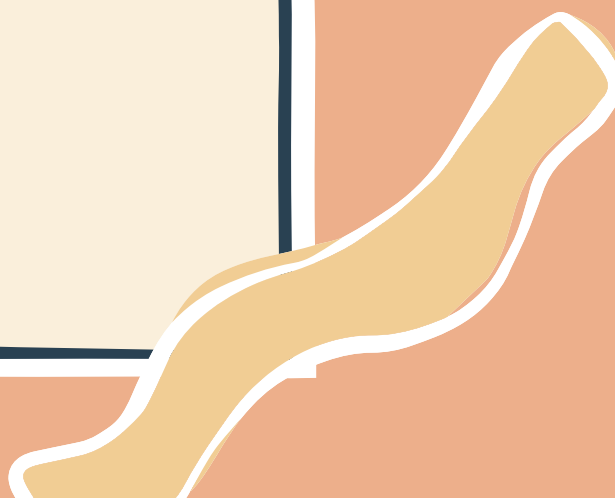




ANSWER KEY

1. Miss your flight:
2. If I miss my flight, I will catch the next one.
3. If I missed my flight, I would be really disappointed and probably find the earliest flight available.
4. Past mistake and regret:
5. If I had studied harder, I would have passed the exam.
6. If I had known I needed to bring more materials, I would have prepared better for the meeting.
7. Living anywhere in the world:
8. If I could live anywhere, I would live in Paris because of the culture, food, and art.
9. If I were rich, I would buy a villa in the south of Spain.
10. Find money on the street:
11. If I found a large sum of money on the street, I would probably hand it in to the police.
12. If I find money, I will try to locate the owner, but I will keep it if no one claims it.
13. Not studying for a test:
14. If I don't study for the test, I will fail.
15. If I hadn't studied for the test, I would have failed.

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EXERCISE 8

Fill in the Gaps (Mixed Conditionals)

Instructions: Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verb, using the appropriate conditional.

1. If I _____ (take) the earlier train, I _____ (arrive) on time.
2. If he _____ (not go) to bed so late last night, he _____ (not be) so tired now.
3. If I _____ (be) more careful last week, I _____ (not break) my phone.
4. If they _____ (not lose) the map, they _____ (find) the way to the hotel yesterday.
5. If I _____ (be) you, I _____ (have) a look at the job offer.

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ANSWER KEY

1. If I had taken the earlier train, I would have arrived on time.
2. If he hadn't gone to bed so late last night, he wouldn't be so tired now.
3. If I had been more careful last week, I wouldn't have broken my phone.
4. If they hadn't lost the map, they would have found the way to the hotel yesterday.
5. If I were you, I would have a look at the job offer.

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