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It's all hypothetical!

Real time or unreal time?

1 Real or hypothetical past?

1 These sentences all have verbs in the Past Simple. Which refer to real past time (**R**) and which are hypotheses (**H**)?

1 [R] Did you see Lorenzo when you were in Italy?
2 [H] I wish I worked in the open air.
3 [ ] If you didn't have a car, would you have to go by bus?
4 [ ] When we lived in London, we'd always travel by bus.
5 [ ] I'd rather we lived in a small country town.
6 [ ] It's time we had a new sofa.
7 [ ] If only you were always as happy as you are today.
8 [ ] Why didn't you come to the party?

2 These sentences all have verbs in the Past Perfect. Which refer to real past time (**R**) and which are hypotheses (**H**)?

1 [ ] I wish I'd said that.
2 [ ] She asked me if I had known him for a long time.
3 [ ] If I hadn't been in a meeting, I'd have taken your call.
4 [ ] If only you'd arrived five minutes earlier.
5 [ ] I woke up and realized it had all been a terrible dream.
6 [ ] What if they hadn't agreed to give you a pay rise?
7 [ ] Had the water risen a bit more, our house would have been flooded.
8 [ ] She told me she'd been given a kitten for her birthday.

3 Complete the sentences with an auxiliary verb which expresses reality.

1 I wish you didn't bite your nails, but you *do*.
2 I wish I earned more, but I _____.
3 I should have listened to their advice, but I _____.
4 If only I could speak Spanish, but I _____.
5 If only he weren't so selfish, but he _____.
6 I wish my car would start, but it _____.
7 I wish he didn't argue all the time, but he _____.
8 If only I hadn't been fired, but I _____.
9 I wish I had a flat of my own, but I _____.

Wishes and regrets

2 Present and past wishes

1 Use the words from the columns to make as many correct and logical sentences as you can.

I wish	you I	were could would had	come. rich.

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2 Circle the correct alternative in the following sentences. Sometimes two are possible.

1 I really wish I *can / could / was able to* speak another language.
2 I wish it *wasn't / wouldn't be / isn't* so cold. I hate the winter.
3 It's time we *have / had / have had* a holiday.
4 Our holiday was a disaster. I'd rather we *didn't go / hadn't gone / weren't going.*
5 The party was brilliant after you left. You should *stay / had stayed / have stayed* longer.
6 I wish you *don't speak / didn't speak / wouldn't speak* so quickly. I can't follow you.
7 What were you doing on that wall? Supposing you'd *fallen / would fall / hadn't fallen*?
8 She'd rather her grandchildren *live / lived / had lived* nearer. Then she could see them more often.

3 Expressions of regret

1 Rewrite the sentences so they have similar meanings. Use the words in brackets.

1 I'm sorry I didn't invite him to the party. (wish)

_____

2 Why weren't you watching the road? (should)

_____

3 I regret saying that to her. (If only)

_____

4 I shouldn't have hit him. (wish)

_____

5 I don't want you to tell her. ('d rather)

_____

6 I don't like it when Meg stays out so late. (wish)

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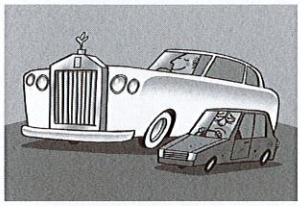
7 I regret I didn't tell him that I loved him. (should)

_____

2 Write sentences to express these people's wishes and regrets. Use the expressions from exercise 1.



1 _____

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3 _____

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4 _____

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5 _____

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6 _____

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4 What I wish I'd known ...

Read and complete the article with words from the box.

A letter to my 16-year-old-self

if	would	hadn't	should	'd

Dear Marianne,

[1] _____ only I'd enjoyed my school days more and [2] _____ wished my childhood away. I [3] _____ have realized how lucky I was to be a child, a time when you have no stress, no bills, no husbands, no babies and no job! I [4] _____ have had a lot more fun if I [5] _____ just enjoyed the moment.

should	only	could	couldn't	wouldn't	would

Dear George,

If [6] _____ I had known how precocious I was, I [7] _____ have been such a clever clogs! I now realize I must have really annoyed my classmates. I [8] _____ have saved up and bought some contact lenses, then I might have looked less nerdy and made more friends. I [9] _____ also have been able to see when playing rugby – a distinct advantage. I [10] _____ have done with putting on a bit of weight, too. I [11] _____ get a girlfriend because I was so skinny.

if	wouldn't	could	imagine	realized
won't	have	unless		

Dear Sue,

If I [12] _____ give you any advice, first, ignore Simon, the kid who calls you fat. [13] _____ I had [14] _____ at your age what a waste of time it is to listen to bullies, I [15] _____ have worn oversized clothes for the next four years. Just [16] _____ how he will look years from now when he's bald, then you [17] _____ feel so intimidated.
Secondly, say thank you to Mum and Dad *all* the time [18] _____ they're really nagging you about being out late. I wouldn't [19] _____ become an actress without their support. So, 16-year-old me, give them the biggest hug – they deserve it! Looking back, I wish I could!

Third conditional

5 Regrets

1 Below are the top five regrets in life. Read the article quickly. Which regret goes with which paragraph? Write them in.

'I wish I had said what I was really thinking.' 'I wish I hadn't worked so hard!' 'I wish I had been true to myself.' 'I wish I had done more!' 'I wish we had stayed in touch.'

Top five regrets in life

As we progress through our lives, we sometimes pause and ponder on what might have been and how the choices, decisions, and behaviour from our past have affected who we are today. Hindsight gives us a clearer vision of what we should have done, and we can't help but wonder what we would change about our past actions if we could do it all again! Here are our top five regrets.

1 _____

Too often we live our lives trying to please other people rather than fulfilling our own dreams. Many of us wish we had made braver choices, ones that would have allowed us to follow our real passion in life. Many of us believe that if we hadn't always chosen to please other people, we would have very different lives, jobs, or partners today.

2 _____

Many of us who are parents realize as we get older that the treadmill of work has been a barrier to spending enough quality time with our children. We wonder whether it was really necessary to stay so late at work, and we feel sad that we can never claim back their childhood. If we hadn't spent so much time at the office, we might have more happy memories of playing with our kids and reading bedtime stories. Children grow up quickly!

3 _____

Too often we suppress our feelings to keep the peace and are too scared to say what we really feel. As a result, we end up feeling resentful, which drains our energy. In the past, if we had said what we truly believed, we wouldn't now feel bitter and full of regret. It's never too late, though. Be strong and say what you feel (within reason) and you will find you have more positive energy in your life.

4 _____

Established friendships are crucial for our mental well-being. Unfortunately, too many of us lose contact with old friends. One of our top five regrets is the loss of golden friendships that have slipped away over the years because we were too busy. So, although social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter make it easier to stay in touch these days, it takes more than a status update, a quick text, or a tweet to keep a good friendship on track.

2 Complete these third conditional regrets with information from the text. Which regret do they go with?

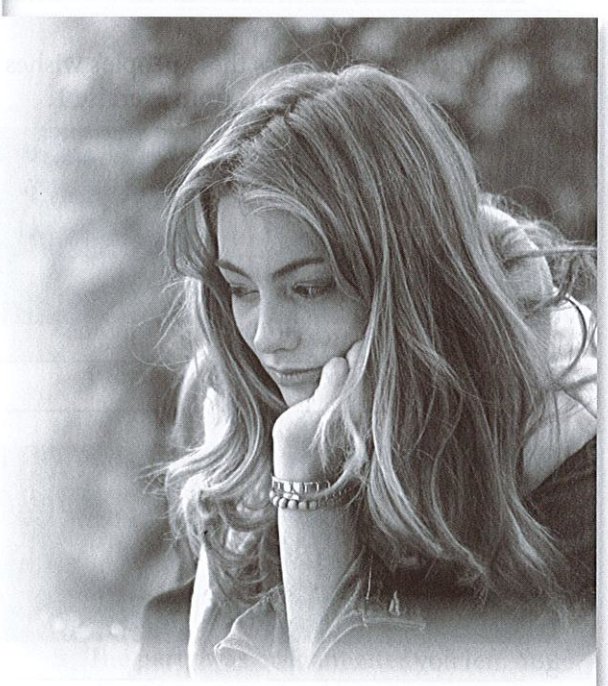
1 If I hadn't always put my work first, I could have _____ with my children. ☐

2 I would have had more fun in my life if I _____ more risks. ☐

3 I wouldn't feel bitter now if I hadn't _____ to say what I really feel. ☐

4 I'd have many more friends now if I'd _____ with them over the years. ☐

5 If only I hadn't tried to please other people all the time, I would have _____ my own dreams. ☐



5 _____

Many of us do not realize that we could have been happier if we'd moved outside of our comfort zone. Instead, we got stuck in familiar routines and forgot to look around for new opportunities. When we look back at our actions, we often wish we had taken risks and been more fulfilled. Just think, if we hadn't compromised with the safe option, you might have experienced more in your life and had a lot more fun!

3 Rearrange the words to make excuses in the third conditional.

1 wouldn't / been / if / ill / hadn't / shellfish / had / I / I / have / the

2 phoned / had / had / if / you / have / time / would / I / the / I

3 if / known / had / I / the jumper / machine-washable / wasn't / wouldn't / I / bought / have / it

4 if / it / own / my / eyes / seen / with / hadn't / I / wouldn't / believed / I / have / it

4 Complete the second sentence to express the excuse in a different way.

1 I didn't know you had a mobile. I didn't contact you.

If I'd known you had a mobile, I could/would have contacted you.

2 I didn't send you a postcard because I didn't know your address.

If I _____ a postcard.

3 I didn't remember when your birthday was. That's why I didn't buy you a present.

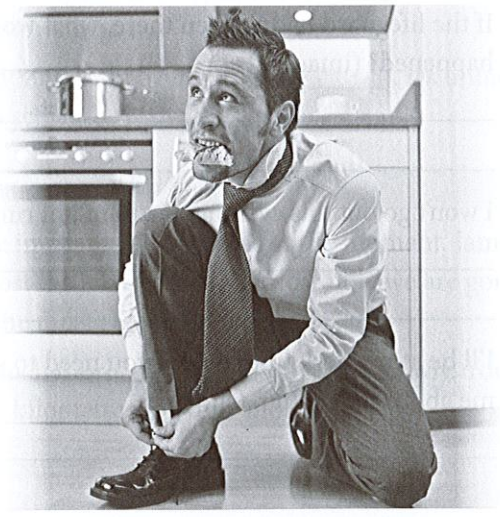
If _____.

4 I broke the speed limit because I was rushing my wife to the hospital.

If _____.

5 I'm sorry I'm late. I forgot to set my alarm clock.

If _____.



All conditionals

6 Revision of all conditionals

Put the verb in brackets in the correct tense to form either the first, second, third, or zero conditional. There are also some examples of mixed conditionals.

1 If I still _____ (feel) sick, I _____ (not go) on holiday next weekend.

2 You make such delicious chocolate cakes! If you _____ (sell) them, you _____ (make) a fortune.

3 Hello, Liz. Are you still looking for Pat? If I _____ (see) her, I _____ (tell) her you want to speak to her.

4 If Alice _____ (go) to Exeter University, she _____ (not met) her husband, Andrew.

5 **A** Does she love him?

B Of course she does. If she _____ (not love) him, she _____ (not marry) him.

6 If you _____ (buy) two bottles of shampoo, you _____ (get) one free.

7 **A** What _____ you _____ (do) if you _____ (see) a ghost?

B I _____ (run) away!

8 If we _____ (bring) the map with us, we _____ (not be) lost.

9 You are lucky to be alive. If you _____ (not have) a smoke alarm, the house _____ (burn down) with you in it.

10 You were very rude to Max. If I _____ (be) you, I _____ (apologize).

11 Ashley is allergic to cheese. If he _____ (eat) it, he _____ (get) a rash.

12 We've run out of petrol. If you _____ (listen) to me, you _____ (hear) me saying that we were running low. Then we _____ (not be) stuck here now.

Ways of introducing conditionals

1 Conditionals can be introduced in a variety of ways other than with *if*.

unless

Unless means *except if*.

*We'll go swimming **unless** it rains.*

***Unless** there's a strike, I'll be at work tomorrow.*

in case

In case means the first action is a precaution: it happens because the second action *might* happen.

*I'll take my umbrella **in case** it rains.*

*Take your boots **in case** it's muddy.*

***Supposing** ... / **Suppose** ... / **Imagine** ...*

These mean the same as *Imagine if ... ?* or *What if ... ?*

They are questions, and they come at the beginning of a sentence.

***Supposing** you could go on holiday tomorrow, where would you go?*

***Imagine** you were rich, what would you buy?*

2 In more formal styles, *if* can be dropped and the auxiliary verb inverted. This is common with *had*, *were*, and *should*.

***Were** they my children, I wouldn't let them watch so much TV.* (If they were my children ...)

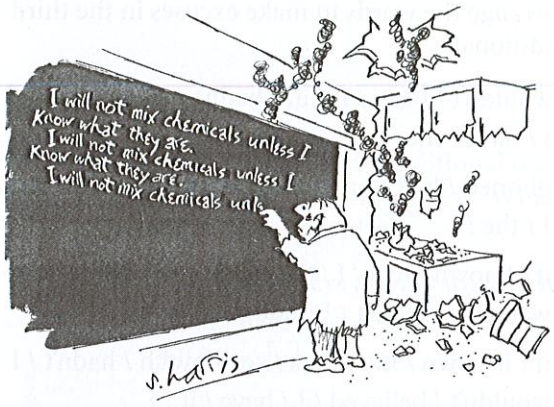
***Had I known** that he was a journalist, I would have said nothing.* (If I had known ...)

***Should** the meeting **overrun**, I'll have to cancel my dinner engagement.* (If the meeting should overrun ...)

7 Words other than *if*

1 Circle the correct word to complete the sentence.

1 *In case / Imagine* there were no more wars – wouldn't that be wonderful?
2 I'm going to take a cushion to the concert, *in case / unless* the seats are hard.
3 We'll miss the beginning of the film *if / unless* you hurry.
4 *Unless / In case* you behave yourself, you can't come to the party with us.
5 *Suppose / Should* you got lost, what would you do?
6 I'll take a book *in case / unless* I'm bored on the journey.
7 *Had / Supposing* I understood the problem, I'd have done something about it.
8 *Should / In case* you fail to pay this bill, court action will be taken.



2 Rewrite these sentences using the words in brackets.

1 I won't come if they don't invite me. (unless)

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2 What would you do if he left you? (supposing)

_____

_____

3 If you had learned to play tennis, would you have been a champion by now? (suppose)

_____

_____

4 We're going to install a smoke alarm. There may be a fire. (in case)

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_____

5 She won't get that job if she doesn't learn to speak French. (unless)

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_____

6 If the lifeguard hadn't been there, what would have happened? (imagine)

_____

_____

7 I won't go out this evening. Justin might ring. (in case)

_____

_____

8 I'll be at my desk until 6.00 if you need to speak to me about the matter. (should)

_____

_____

Vocabulary

8 Similar words, different meaning

These adjective pairs are easy to confuse. Complete the sentences with the correct adjectives.

unreadable illegible

1 I couldn't work out who the letter was from. The signature was completely _____ .

2 I know Shakespeare is very popular, but I find him totally _____ .

childish childlike

3 Manisha is so _____ . She's always having temper tantrums.

4 It was wonderful to watch the lambs playing. I got such _____ pleasure from it.

sensible sensitive

5 Sophie is extremely _____ at the moment. Anything you say upsets her.

6 Fabienne is not a very _____ person. She wore high-heeled shoes for our four-mile walk.

true truthful

7 I've never known her to tell a lie. She's a very _____ person.

8 I can never watch sad films that are based on a _____ story. They always make me cry.

intolerable intolerant

9 Susan is so _____ of other people. She never accepts anyone else's opinion, and she always thinks she knows best.

10 I find Marek's behaviour _____ . It's unfair to be so selfish.

economic economical

11 We're in _____ crisis at the moment. James has lost his job and I don't know how we are going to pay the mortgage.

12 It's much more _____ to drive slowly. You get more kilometres for your money.

Phrasal verbs

9 Nouns from phrasal verbs

1 There are many nouns formed from phrasal verbs. Sometimes the verb comes first, sometimes second.

make-up *downfall* *upbringing*
drawback *outbreak* *takeaway*

2 Sometimes the noun is related to the phrasal verb.

*I don't use much **make-up**.*
*She **made up** her face very carefully.* = related

Sometimes they are not related.

*The main **drawback** is the cost.* (drawback = disadvantage)
***Draw back** the curtains and let the sunshine in.* (draw back = open)

Complete these sentences with the nouns in the box.

outcome	breakthrough	outbreak	takeaway
check-up	breakdown	comeback	feedback
outlook	downfall		

1 The _____ of communication between management and workers means the strike will continue.

2 His career has suffered recently, but with a new album and a world tour, he's determined to make a _____ .

3 I go to the dentist twice a year for a _____ .

4 The _____ of the local elections is that the Green party has won 12 new seats.

5 The weather should be fine over the next few days, and the _____ for the weekend is warm and sunny.

6 There has been an _____ of salmonella, infecting 83 people in just over two weeks.

7 There has been a significant _____ in the search to find a cure for breast cancer.

8 Online companies often ask customers for _____ because it is a quick, cheap way of doing market research.

9 We're having an Indian _____ for supper.

10 He used to be a highly successful athlete, but taking too many drugs was his _____ .

Listening

10 Homeless to Harvard

1 Listen to Clare trying to inspire her son, Harry, to study harder. Match a question in **A** with an answer in **B**.

A	B
1 ☐ When does Harry have his exams?	a Because she had two young children.
2 ☐ Why was it difficult for Clare to study for her degree?	b Because she nags him.
3 ☐ Why does Harry get irritated with his mother?	c On the Internet.
4 ☐ Where did Clare find out about Liz Murray?	d Next month.
5 ☐ What did Liz and her sister sometimes eat for their dinner?	e Toothpaste.
6 ☐ Who does Liz now give speeches with?	f She's an author and speaker.
7 ☐ How old was Liz when her mother died?	g 15.
8 ☐ What did Liz's mother always believe?	h Bill Clinton.
9 ☐ How did Liz afford to go to Harvard?	i One day life is going to get better.
10 ☐ What does Liz do now?	j She got a scholarship from *The New York Times*.

2 Listen again. Match the lines to make sentences.

1 If Harry does more revision,	a she would have got her degree sooner.
2 If Clare had worked harder at school,	b she wouldn't have died so young.
3 If Liz's mother hadn't been a drug addict,	c he might do better in his exams.
4 If Liz hadn't gone to night classes,	d she wouldn't have completed her high school education.
5 If Liz's teacher hadn't taken her to Harvard,	e he might regret it one day.
6 If Harry spends all his time on the PlayStation,	f she may never have considered studying there.

3 Listen again. Who says these things, Clare (**C**) or Harry (**H**)?

1 I wasted so many years just watching TV. ☐
2 Give me a break. ☐
3 You just don't realize how lucky you are. ☐
4 ... and you think I'm bad. ☐
5 That is desperate. ☐
6 ... she never forgot her mother's mantra ☐
7 You've made your point. ☐

4 Look at the tapescript on p86 and check your answers.

Pronunciation

11 Ways of pronouncing *ea*

1 There are several different ways of pronouncing the letters *ea*. Look at the examples in the columns below.

/e/	/iː/	/ɪə/
bread	**meat**	**fear**
/eə/	**/eɪ/**	**/ɜː/**
wear	**break**	**learn**

2 Put these words into the correct column according to the pronunciation of *ea*.

dear	thread	pearl	leap
tear (n)	bear	pear	leapt
tear (v)	cheat	heal	meant
scream	clear	health	reason
steak	deaf	great	search
breath	death	gear	swear
breathe	earth	jealous	theatre
breadth	beast	lead (v)	weary
hear	beard	lead (n)	weapon