

บทที่ 5

เรื่อง ประโยคการวางเงื่อนไข (Conditional Sentences)

เป้าหมาย นักศึกษาสามารถเข้าใจและสามารถแยกแยะลักษณะของประโยคการวางเงื่อนไขและสามารถใช้ได้อย่างถูกต้องตามแบบที่กำหนด

จุดประสงค์

1. นักศึกษาสามารถเข้าใจลักษณะประโยคการวางเงื่อนไขและสามารถใช้ได้อย่างถูกต้อง
2. นักศึกษาสามารถวิเคราะห์เปรียบเทียบความแตกต่างของลักษณะประโยคการวางเงื่อนไขแบบต่าง ๆ ได้อย่างถูกต้อง
3. นักศึกษาสามารถทำแบบทดสอบที่กำหนดให้ทำยบทเรียนได้อย่างถูกต้องไม่น้อยกว่า 75%

กิจกรรมการเรียนรู้

1. ทำความเข้าใจเกี่ยวกับเรื่องทีอธิบายไว้ในแต่ละตอนของบทที่ 5
2. สามารถศึกษาเพิ่มเติมจากเอกสารอ้างอิงที่เกี่ยวข้องกับบทเรียนและสอบถามผู้สอนในเรื่องที่ไม่เข้าใจ
3. สามารถทำแบบทดสอบที่กำหนดให้ทำยบทเรียนโดยกำหนดเวลาในการทำแบบทดสอบด้วยตนเอง และตรวจสอบความถูกต้องกับเฉลยแบบทดสอบท้ายบทของแต่ละแบบทดสอบ

เนื้อเรื่อง ประโยคการวางเงื่อนไข (Conditional Sentences)

ลักษณะประโยคการวางเงื่อนไขจะประกอบไปด้วย 2 ส่วน กล่าวคือ ส่วนที่เป็น If-clause และ the main clause : ดังในประโยคที่ว่า :-

If it rains I shall stay at home.

“If it rains” in the if-clause or conditional clause.

“I shall stay at home” is the main clause.

เพื่อให้เกิดความเข้าใจเกี่ยวกับรูปของประโยคการวางเงื่อนไข (Conditional Sentences) และหลักการใช้ประโยคให้ถูกต้อง ขอสรุปหลักเกณฑ์ที่จะช่วยให้เกิดความเข้าใจง่ายขึ้นดังจะได้สรุปตามแนวของ Thomson and Martinet²⁸ และการแยกประเภทของแบบประโยคเงื่อนไขของ Graver²⁹ ดังมีรายละเอียดของคำอธิบายและตัวอย่างรูปประโยคดังต่อไปนี้

แบบต่าง ๆ ของประโยคการวางเงื่อนไข (Conditional Sentences)

แบบที่ 1 กล่าวถึงเหตุและผล (Cause and effect) โดยทั่ว ๆ ไปแล้วจะกล่าวถึงความจริง (truth) หรือความเที่ยงตรงทั่ว ๆ ไป (general validity) ลักษณะของประโยคจะเป็นประโยคบอกเล่า ซึ่ง Tenses ในประโยค conditional clause (if-clause) and the main clause ใช้ **Tense** เดียวกันเสมอ เช่น

If you **heat** ice, it **melts**.

If you heat ice - conditional clause.

it melts - main clause.

ทั้งสองประโยคใช้ present simple tense.

ตัวอย่างประโยค Cause and effect อื่น ๆ มีดังนี้

If flowers **don't get** any water, they die.

If you **want** to write a letter, you **need** pen and paper.

If businessmen **want** to borrow money, they **go** to see their bank manager.

If I **make** a mistake, I **expect** the teacher to correct it.

If one **wants** to visit a foreign country, one **must have** a valid passport.

If people **feel** ill, they go to see a doctor.

If there **is** a power failure, all electrical appliances **stops** working.

If people **work** in an office, they **wear** a suit.

²⁸Thomson and Martinet, *A Practical English Grammar*, pp.130-137.

²⁹Graver, *Advanced English Practice*, pp.88-105.

แบบที่ 2 กล่าวถึงการวางเงื่อนไขที่อาจจะเกิดขึ้นได้ (Probable condition)

The verb in the if-clause or conditional clause is in **the present tense** ; the verb in the main clause in **the future tense** or imperative.

Structural Pattern:

If + present simple + future simple

will
shall
can
may } + infinitive

If we **catch** the 10 o'clock train, we **shall get** there by lunch-time.

If we **catch** the 10 o'clock train-conditional clause we **shall get** there by lunch-time-main clause. (future simple)

If you **wake up** before me, **give** me a call.

If you wake up before me (conditional clause), give me a call (main clause-Imperative)

ตัวอย่างประโยคของแบบที่ 2 เพิ่มเติม ดังนี้

If he **goes** to England, he **will have** to learn English.

If those shoes in the window **fit** me, I **shall buy** them.

If you **drop** that vase, my wife **will murder** you.

If it's **fine** tomorrow, we **can have** a picnic somewhere.

If I **change** my job, I'll try to get something more interesting.

If I **get** a rise next year, **we'll think** of buying a house.

If you **lose** my library book, I **shall have** to pay for it.

แบบที่ 3 กล่าวถึงการวางเงื่อนไขที่ไม่อาจเกิดขึ้นได้ (Improbable condition)

The verb in the if-clause is in the simple past tense; the verb in the main clause is in the conditional tense:

If I **dropped** this, it would **explode**.

If I dropped this - conditional clause.

it would explode - main clause.

Structural Pattern:

If + past simple tense, + future simple in the past

would
should
could
might } + infinitive

ตัวอย่างประโยค

- a. When we don't expect the action in the if-clause to take place:
If he **ran** all the way, he **would get** there in time.
(but I don't suppose he will run all the way)
If a burglar **came** into my room, I **should throw** something at him.
(but I don't expect a burglar to come in)
If I **died** my hair blue, my skin **would look** whiter.
(but I have no serious intention of dyeing my hair)
- b. when the supposition is contrary to known facts:
If I **were** you, I **should plant** potatoes there.
If I **had** a helicopter, we **could get** there quite quickly.
(but we haven't a helicopter)
If I **knew** his address I'd **give** it to you.
(but I don't know it)

Note : The subjunctive "were"

ใช้ **were** แทน **was** และใช้กับประธานทุกตัว ไม่ว่าจะ เป็นเอกพจน์หรือพหูพจน์

If I **were** you, I should tell him the truth.

ใช้ **were to + infinitive** สามารถใช้แทน **past simple tense** ได้ เช่น

If she **offered** him \$ 500.....

= If she **were to offer** him \$ 500.....

If we **were to miss** the early train, we **wouldn't get** there till after lunch:

ตัวอย่างเพิ่มเติม

What **would** you **do** about the problem if you **were** in my shoes?

If I **were earning** a good salary, I **wouldn't** think of changing my job.

If my father **were to say** such a thing to me, I **would tell** him to mind his own business.

It **might** only **add** to our difficulties if we **asked** yet another person's opinion.

If only he **would admit** he was wrong, his friends **might be** more sympathetic.

What **would** you **do** if you **saw** a ghost?

If you **wouldn't mind** letting me stand on your shoulders, I think I **could fix** it.

I **wouldn't sell** it even if he **were** to offer me all the gold in China.

If I **were** you I **should say** nothing about it.

If she **would only** tell me what is on her mind, I **might be** able to help me.

แบบที่ 4 กล่าวถึงการวางเงื่อนไขที่ไม่อาจจะเป็นจริงหรือเกิดขึ้นได้ (unreality or did not happen)

Structural Pattern :

If + past perfect tense, + future perfect in the past

(had + past participle + $\left. \begin{array}{c} \text{would} \\ \text{should} \\ \text{could} \\ \text{might} \end{array} \right\}$ + have + past participle

If we **had caught** the 10 o'clock train, we **would have got there by lunch time.**

if-clause ที่ใช้ past perfect tense เพื่อแสดง past unreality

(we didn't catch the 10 o'clock train)

บางครั้งเราใช้ **past perfect** เพื่อแสดงถึง something wished-for in the past:

I wish you **had told** me before.

(but you didn't)

Inversion Sentences

การเขียนรูปประโยคสลับที่ระหว่างประธาน (Subject) และคำกริยา (Verb) สามารถใช้แทน if ในประโยควางเงื่อนไขในบางแบบได้ เช่น

1. **Were the Government** to go back on this election pledge, there would be a revolt among back-benchers.

= If the Government were to go back...

2. **Had I known** you were ill, I would have visited you.

= If I had known you were ill, ...

3. **Had it not been** for your laziness, you could have finished the work by now.

= If it hadn't been for your laziness, ...

4. **Were it not** for the fact that his father is on the board of directors, he would never have got the job.

= If it were not for the fact that his father...

ตัวอย่างบทสนทนา (Dialogue) ที่ใช้โครงสร้างประโยค "If I were you" ในสถานการณ์ที่กำหนดให้เพื่อแสดงให้เห็นว่า If I were (but I am not) I would... บทสนทนาต่อไปนี้เป็นบทสนทนา
ระหว่าง Mr. Smith บิดาของ Susan ขอให้พิจารณาการใช้ "If" และ were ใน dialogue ข้างล่าง
นี้³⁰

³⁰Michael West, **Improve Your English**, (London : Longmans, Green and Co.Ltd., 1967), p.70.

Mr.Smith : If I **were** you, I **wouldn't see** too much of young David.
 Susan : Why shouldn't I? What wrong with him?
 Mr.Smith : Well, If you **were** older, you'd **understand**.
 Susan : And If you **were** younger, perhaps you **might like** him.
 Mr.Smith : You're just starting a new job. If I **were** in your place, I'd **be** very careful in choosing-
 my friends.
 Susan : If you **were** in my place, you wouldn't choose differently.
 Mr.Smith : Young people aren't what they were.
 If I **were** Minister of Education, I'd **do** something about it.
 Susan : If I **were** Queen, I'd **have** a young Minister of Education.

หลังจากที่ทำความเข้าใจและสามารถแยกแยะความแตกต่างของโครงสร้างประโยค การวางเงื่อนไข (Conditional Sentences) ลักษณะต่าง ๆ ที่ได้อธิบายไว้ในบทที่ 5 แล้ว ขอให้ฝึกทำแบบทดสอบเกี่ยวกับเรื่อง Conditional Sentences ตามลำดับไป เริ่มตั้งแต่ Test 38 เป็นต้นไป โดยจับเวลาในการทำแบบทดสอบแต่ละเรื่องและเปรียบเทียบคำตอบกับคำตอบท้ายแบบทดสอบ นั้น ๆ

ถ้าหากว่ายังมีข้อผิดพลาดมากหรือทำแบบทดสอบได้ไม่ถึง 75% ควรกลับไปอ่าน คำอธิบายเกี่ยวกับเรื่องนั้น ๆ ใหม่ และลองทำแบบทดสอบอีกครั้งหนึ่งจนกว่าจะได้คะแนนเพิ่มขึ้น จึงจะดำเนินการทำแบบทดสอบต่อ ๆ ไป

แบบทดสอบที่เกี่ยวกับ Conditional Sentences Test 38 - Test 40 นำมาจาก English Grammar Exercises 3³¹

Test 41 - Test 44 นำมาจาก A Practical English Grammar Exercises 1³²

³¹English Language Services, INC., Washington D.C., **English Grammar Exercises Book Three**, (New York : The Macmillan Company, 1966), pp.84-86, 88, 90-91.

³²A.J.Thomson and A.V.Martinet, **A Practical English Grammar Exercises 1**, 2nd ed., (London : Oxford University Press, 1983), pp.54-59.

Test 38

Use of correct verb forms with if clauses

Complete the sentences with the appropriate verb form. Use contractions wherever possible.

Examples : If the weather is warm, I'll go swimming.

If the weather were warm, I'd go swimming.

If the weather had been warm, I'd have gone swimming.

We won't go on the picnic if it rains.

We wouldn't go on the picnic if it rained.

We wouldn't have gone on the picnic if it had rained.

1. If I have time, I'll write some letter.
if I had time, I _____ some letters.
If I'd had time, I _____ some letters.
2. If he makes an appointment, he can see the director.
If he made an appointment, he _____ the director.
If he'd made an appointment, he _____ the director.
3. If I slip on the ice, I may break my leg.
If I slipped on the ice, I _____ my leg.
If I'd slipped on the ice, I _____ my leg.
4. If you don't get sick, you won't need a doctor.
If you didn't get sick, you _____ a doctor.
If you hadn't gotten sick, you _____ a doctor.
5. If he hasn't enough money, he can't buy a new car.
If he didn't have enough money, he _____ a new car.
If he hadn't had enough money, he _____ a new car.
6. I will lock the door if you give me a key.
I would lock the door if you _____ me a key.
I would've locked the door, if you _____ me a key.
7. We won't go on the picnic if it rains.
We wouldn't go on the picnic if it _____.
We wouldn't have gone on the picnic, if it _____.
8. I won't get lost if I take the map.
I wouldn't get lost if I _____ the map.
I wouldn't have gotten lost if I _____ the map.
9. If you come along, we'll have a good time.
If you came along, we _____ a good time.
If you'd come along, we _____ a good time.

10. If he studies hard, he'll get good marks.
 If he studied hard, he _____ good marks.
 If he'd studied hard, he _____ good marks.
11. If she arrives on time, I'll be surprised.
 If she arrived on time, I _____ surprised.
 If he'd studied on time, I _____ surprised.
12. If Miss Blair types this, it'll be done well.
 If Miss Blair typed this, it _____ done well.
 If Miss Blair had typed this, it _____ done well.
13. If your horse loses a shoe, he won't win the race.
 If your horse lost a shoe, he _____ the race.
 If your horse had lost a shoe, he _____ the race.
14. If his play is performed, he'll become famous.
 If his play were performed, he _____ famous.
 If his play had been performed, he _____ famous.
15. I'll pay for supper tomorrow if you'll pay tonight.
 I would pay for supper tonight if you _____ yesterday.
 I would've paid for supper tonight if you _____ yesterday.
16. I want go if Joe goes.
 I wanted to go if Joe _____.
 I would've gone if Joe _____.
17. We'll surely have fun if the Smiths come to the party.
 We would surely have fun if the Smiths _____ to the party.
 We would surely have had fun if the Smiths _____ to the party.
18. My wife doesn't mind if I bring a friend home to dinner.
 My wife didn't mind if I _____ a friend home to dinner.
 My wife wouldn't have minded if I _____ a friend to dinner.
19. We can go on a picnic if the weather is nice.
 We could go on a picnic if the weather _____ nice.
 We could've gone on a picnic if the weather _____ nice.
20. If you apply to the dean, you may get a scholarship.
 If you applied to the dean, you _____ a scholarship.
 If you'd applied to the dean, you _____ a sholarship.

Answers

1. I'd write, I'd have written 2. could see, could have seen 3. might break, might have broken
4. wouldn't need, wouldn't have needed 5. couldn't buy, couldn't have bought 6. gave, had given
7. rained, had rained 8. took, had taken 9. we'd have, we'd have had 10. he'd get, he'd have gotten
11. I'd be, I'd have been 12. it'd be, it'd have been 13. wouldn't win, wouldn't have won, 14. he'd
become, he would have become 15. had paid, had paid 16. went, had gone 17. came, had come
18. brought, had brought 19. were, had been 20. you might get, you might have gotten

Test 39

Comparison : if and unless clauses

Read the sentences. Then construct two conditional sentences using a. if, and b. unless.
Use contractions wherever possible.

Examples : The weather is nice. I'll go to town.

- a. If the weather is nice, I'll go to town.
- b. Unless the weather is nice, I won't go to town.

I have time. I'll write some letter.

- a. If I have time, I'll write some letter.
- b. Unless I have time, I won't write any letter.

You don't have an appointment. You can't see the doctor.

- a. If you don't have an appointment, you can't see the doctor.
- b. Unless you have an appointment, you can't see the doctor.

1. You study hard. You will get a scholarship.
2. He doesn't know the way. He might get lost.
3. We finish work early. We can play tennis.
4. They use high quality materials. They can build a good house.
5. You have nine players. You can start a baseball team.
6. He advertises in the newspaper. He will sell a lot of merchandise.
7. I'm not mistaken. That is Mr. Jones.
8. The weather is good. The county fair will be successful.
9. You think about it. You'll make the right decision.
10. There is a sudden frost. The flowers won't bloom.
11. It rains. We can't go to the lake.
12. You tell me what you want. I can get it for you.
13. Mr. Jones comes to visit. We'll have a party.
14. You don't keep your promises. You'll lose your friends.
15. It's very cold. We'll probably have snow.
16. We get too much rain. The crop will be ruined.
17. The wood is not high-quality. The furniture will be poor.

18. You turn this switch. The motor will start.
19. The tires are properly inflated. The car will drive well.
20. You oil the motor regularly. It will run smoothly.

Answers

1. If you study hard, you will get a scholarship. Unless you study hard, you won't get a scholarship.
2. If he doesn't know the way, he might get lost. Unless he knows the way, he might get lost.
3. If we finish work early, we can play tennis. Unless we finish work early, we can't play tennis.
4. If they use high quality materials, they can build a good house. Unless they use high quality materials, they can't build a good house.
5. If you have nine players, you can start a baseball team. Unless you have nine players, you can't start a baseball team.
6. If he advertises in the newspaper, he will sell a lot of merchandise. Unless he advertises in the newspaper, he won't sell a lot of merchandise.
7. If I'm not mistaken, that is Mr. Jones. Unless I'm mistaken, that is Mr. Jones.
8. If the weather is good, the county fair will be successful. Unless the weather is good the county fair won't be successful.
9. If you think about it, you'll make the right decision. Unless you think about it, you won't make the right decision.
10. If there is a sudden frost, the flowers won't bloom. Unless there is a sudden frost, the flowers will bloom.
11. If it rains, we can't go to the lake. Unless it rains, we can go to the lake.
12. If you tell me what you want, I can get it for you. Unless you tell me what you want, I can't get it for you.
13. If Mrs. Jones comes to visit, we'll have a party. Unless Mrs. Jones comes to visit, we won't have a party.
14. If you don't keep your promises, you'll lose your friends. Unless you keep your promises, you'll lose your friends.
15. If it's very cold, we'll probably have snow. Unless it's very cold, we probably won't have snow.
16. If we get too much rain, the crop will be ruined. Unless we get too much rain, the crop won't be ruined.
17. If the wood is not high-quality, the furniture will be poor. Unless the wood is high-quality, the furniture will be poor.
18. If you turn this switch, the motor will start. Unless you turn this switch, the motor won't start.
19. If the tires are properly inflated, the car will drive well. Unless the tires are properly inflated, the car won't drive well.
20. If you oil the motor regularly, it will run smoothly. Unless you oil the motor regularly, it won't run smoothly.

Test 40

Comparison : If clauses and clauses with had

Read each pair of sentences. Then express a contrary situation using a) a sentence with an if clause and b) a sentence with had. Follow the examples.

Examples : I didn't know you were there. I didn't telephone.

a. If I had known you were there, I would have telephoned.

b. Had I known you were there, I would have telephoned.

It was hot. I didn't close the window.

a. If it hadn't been hot, I would have closed the window.

b. Had it not been hot, I would have closed the window.

1. I didn't hear you. I didn't answer.
2. John didn't find the money. He didn't return it.
3. Mr. Wright didn't have enough money. He didn't buy the car.
4. Betty got up on time. She caught the bus.
5. I didn't know his address. I didn't write to him.
6. I didn't know It was going to rain. I didn't close the window.
7. Bob didn't have a cold. He went to school.
8. Jerry didn't understand the question. He didn't answer.
9. It was cold. I didn't open the window.
10. We weren't late. We didn't hurry.
11. I didn't know you were hungry. I didn't offer you dinner.
12. Helen didn't feel well. She didn't come to the party
13. Dick didn't run. He didn't catch the bus.
14. The Jordans didn't accept the invitation. We weren't pleased.
15. You didn't use a typewriter. They couldn't read your letters.
16. Mike didn't pay attention. He didn't understand the lesson.
17. We didn't get there on time. We had to stand up.
18. You didn't wear a coat. You were cold.
19. I didn't remember to bring money. I couldn't buy the tickets.
20. The car stopped. It didn't hit me.

Answers

1. If I had heard you, I would have answered. Had I heard you, I would have answered.
2. If John had found the money, he would have returned it. Had John found the money, he would have returned it. 3. If Mr. Wright had had enough money, he would have bought the car. Had Mr. Wright had enough money, he would have bought the car. 4. If Betty and gotten up on time, she would have caught the bus. Had Betty gotten up on time, she would have caught the bus.
5. If I had known his address, I would have written to him. Had I known his address, I would have written to him. 6. If I had known it was going o rain, I would have closed the window. Had I known it was going to rain, I would have closed the window. 7. If Bob had had a cold, he wouldn't have gone to school. Had Bob had a cold, he wouldn't have gone to school. 8. If Jerry had understood the question, he would have answered. Had Jerry understood the question, he would have answered.
9. If it hadn't been cold, I would have opened the window. had it not been cold, I would have opened the window. 10. If we had been late, we would have hurried. Had we been late, we would have hurried. 11. If I had known you were hungry, I would have offered you dinner. Had I known you were hungry, I would have offered you dinner. 12. If Helen had felt well, she would have come to the party. Had Helen felt well, she would have come to the party. 13. If Dick had run, he would have caught the bus. Had Dick run, he would have caught the bus. 14. If the Jordans had accepted the invitation, we would have been pleased. Had the Jordans accepted the invitation, we would

have been pleased. 15. If you had used a typewriter, they could have read your letter. Had you used a typewriter, they could have read your letters. 16. If Mike had paid attention, he would have understood the lesson. Had Mike paid attention, he would have understood the lesson. 17. If we had gotten there on time, we wouldn't have had to stand up. Had we gotten there on time, we wouldn't have had to stand up. 18. If you had worn a coat, you wouldn't have been cold. Had you worn a coat, you wouldn't have been cold. 19. If I had remembered to bring money, I could have bought the tickets. Had I remembered to bring money, I could have bought the tickets. 20. If the car hadn't stopped, it would have hit me. Had the car not stopped, it would have hit me.

Test 41

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tenses.

1. If I see him I (give) him a lift.
2. The table will collapse if you (stand) on it.
3. If you eat all that you (be) ill.
4. If I find your passport I (telephone) you at once.
5. The police (arrest) him if they catch him.
6. If you read in bad light you (ruin) your eyes.
7. Someone (steal) your car if you leave it unlocked.
8. What will happen if my parachute (not open)?
9. If you mow the grass I (give) you 50p.
10. I (lend) you my pearls if you promise to take care of them.
11. If you (not go) away I'll send for the police.
12. I (be) very angry if your dog bites me again.
13. If he (be) late we'll go without him.
14. She will be absolutely furious if she (hear) about this.
15. If you put on the kettle I (make) the tea.
16. If you give my dog a bone be (bury) it at once.
17. If we leave the car here it (not be) in anybody's way.
18. He'll be late for the train if he (not start) at once.
19. If you come late they (not let) you in.
20. If you tell any more lies I (be) very angry indeed.
21. Unless you work very hard you (not be) successful.
22. If I lend you \$10 when you (repay) me?
23. We'll have to move upstairs if the river (rise) any higher.
24. If he (work) hard today can he have a holiday tomorrow?
25. Ice (turn) to water if you heat it.
26. If the house (catch) fire we can get out by the fire escape.
27. If you (not like) this one I'll bring you another.
28. Unless you are more careful you (have) an accident.

29. Tell him to ring me up if you (see) him.
30. If I tell you a secret, you (promise) not to tell it to anyone close?
31. If you (not believe) what I say, ask your mother.
32. You (buy) the house if you like it?
33. If you will kindly sit down I (make) enquiries for you.
34. Unless I have a quiet room I (not be able) to do any work.
35. Unless you pay him regularly he (not work) for you at all.
36. Should you require anything else please (ring) the bell for the attendant.

Answers

1. Shall give 2. stand 3. will be 4. shall telephone 5. will arrest 6. will ruin 7. will steal 8. doesn't open 9. shall give 10. shall lend 11. don't go 12. shall be 13. is 14. hears 15. shall make 16. will bury 17. won't be 18. doesn't start 19. won't let 20. shall be 21. won't be 22. will you repay 23. rises 24. works 25. turns/will turn 26. catches 27. don't like 28. will have 29. see 30. will you promise 31. don't believe 32. will you buy 33. shall make 34. shan't be able 35. won't work 36. ring

Test 42

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tenses.

1. If I had a typewriter I (type) it myself.
2. If I knew his address I (give) it to you.
3. He (look) a lot better if he shaved more often.
4. If you played for lower stakes you (not lose) so much.
5. If he worked more slowly he (not make) so many mistakes.
6. More tourists (come) to this country if it had a better climate.
7. I shouldn't drink that wine if I (be) you.
8. If I were sent to prison, you (visit) me?
9. If someone gave you a helicopter, what you (do) with it?
10. I (buy) shares in that company if I had some money.
11. If he (clean) his windscreen he'd be able to see where he was going.
12. If you drove your car into the river, you (be able) to get out?
13. Conversation would become impossible if everyone (say) exactly what he thought.
14. If I (win) a big prize in a lottery I'd give up my job.
15. What you (do) if a burglar come into your room at night?
16. I could tell you what this means if I (know) Greek.
17. If everyone gave \$1 we (have) enough.
18. He might get fat if he (stop) smoking.
19. If he knew that it was dangerous he (not come).
20. If you saw somebody drowning, what you (do)?

21. I (be) ruined if I bought her everything she asked for.
22. If you slept under a mosquito net you (not be) stung so ofte.
23. I could get a job easily if I (have) a degree.
24. If she (do) her hair fiddereently she might look quite nice.
25. If we had more rain our crops (grow) better.
26. The whole machine (fall) to pieces if you removed that screw.
27. I (keep) a horse if I could afford it.
28. I'd ask him to dinner more often if he (be) more amusing.
29. If you moved the bed out of your hall it (be) easier to get into the house.
30. I (offer) to help if I thought that I'd be any use.
31. What would you do if the lift (get) stuck between two floors?
32. It (make) a great difference to the room if you painted each wall a different colour.
33. I (not go) there if I were you.
34. If you knew that you had only six weeks more to live, how you (spend) those six weeks?
35. You wouldn't have so much trouble with your car if you (have) it serviced regularly.
36. I'd climb over the wall if there (not be) so much broken glass on top of it.

Answers

1. should type 2. should give 3. would look 4. wouldn't lose 5. wouldn't make 6. would come 7. were 8. would you visit 9. would you do 10. should buy 11. cleaned 12. would you be able/could 13. said 14. won 15. would you do 16. knew 17. would have 18. stopped 19. would not come 20. would you do 21. should be 22. wouldn't be 23. had 24. did 25. would grow 26. would fall 27. should keep 28. were/was 29. would be 30. should offer 31. got 32. would make 33. shouldn't go 34. would you spend 35. had 36. wasn't/weren't

Test 43

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tenses.

1. If I had known that you were in hospital I (visit) you.
2. If the captain had been more careful his ship (not be) sunk.
3. If you (arrive) ten minutes earlier you would have got a seat.
4. You would have seen my garden at its best if you (be) here last week.
5. But for his quickness I (be) killed.
6. I shouldn't have believed it if I (not see) it with my own eyes.
7. If he had slipped he (fall) 500 metres.
8. If he had asked you, you (accept)?
9. The burglars (not do) so much damage if you hadn't locked all the drawers.
10. If I (know) that you were coming I'd have baked a cake.
11. I (offer) to help him if I had realized that he was ill.

12. If you had left that wasp alone it (not sting) you.
13. If I (realize) what a bad driver you were I wouldn't have come with you.
14. If I had realized that the traffic lights were red I (stop).
15. But for the fog we (reach) our destination ages ago.
16. If you had told me that he never paid his debts I (not lend) him the money.
17. If you (not sneeze) he wouldn't have known that we were there.
18. If you (put) some mustard in the sandwiches they would have tasted better.
19. The hens (not get) into the house if you had shut the door.
20. If he had known that the river was dangerous he (not try) to swim across it.
21. If you (speak) more slowly he might have understood you.
22. If he had known the whole story he (not be) so angry.
23. I shouldn't have eaten if I (know) that there was ginger in it.
24. If I (try) again I think that I would have succeeded.
25. You (not eat) into trouble if you had obeyed my instructions.
26. If you hadn't been in such a hurry you (not put) sugar into the sauce instead of salt.
27. If I (be) ready when he called he would have taken me with him.
28. I (catch) the train quite easily if I hadn't been wearing tight new shoes.
29. If she had listened to my directions she (not turn) down the wrong street.
30. If you (look) at the engine for a moment you would have seen what was missing.
31. Rome (be captured) by her enemies if the geese hadn't cackled.
32. He would have been arrested if he (try) to leave the country.
33. I (take) a taxi if I had realized that it was such a long way.
34. You (save) me a lot of trouble if you had told me where you were going.
35. They would have forced their way into the house if I (not call) for help.
36. If he had put out his pipe before putting it in his pocket he (not burn) a hole in his coat.

Answers

1. should have visited 2. would not have been 3. had arrived 4. had been 5. should have been
 6. had not seen 7. would have fallen 8. would you have accepted 9. would not have done
 10. had known 11. should have offered 12. would not have stung 13. had realized 14. should
 have stopped 15. should have reached 16. should not have lent 17. had not sneezed 18. had put
 19. would not have got 20. would not have tried 21. had spoken 22. would not have been
 23. had known 24. had tried 25. would not have got 26. would not have put 27. had been
 28. would have caught 29. would not have turned 30. had looked 31. would have been captured
 32. had tried 33. should have taken 34. would have saved 35. had not called 36. would not
 have burnt

Test 44

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tenses.

1. If you (find) a skeleton in the cellar don't mention it to anyone.
2. If you pass your examination we (have) a celebration.
3. What (happen) if I press this button?
4. I should have voted for her if I (have) a vote then.
5. If you go to Paris where you (stay)?
6. If someone offered to buy you one of those rings, which you (choose)?
7. The flight may be cancelled if the fog (get) thick.
8. If the milkman (come) tell him to leave two pints.
9. Someone (sit) on your glasses if you leave them there.
10. You would play better bridge if you (not talk) so much.
11. What I (do) if I hear the burglar alarm?
12. If you (read) the instructions carefully you wouldn't have answered the wrong question.
13. I could repair the roof myself if I (have) a long ladder.
14. Unless they turn that radio off I (go) mad.
15. If you saw a Brontosaurus walking down Oxford Street what you (do)?
16. We'll have a long way to walk if we (run) out of petrol here
17. If you shake that bottle of port it (not be) fit to drink.
18. I'll probably get lost unless he (come) with me.
19. You (not have) so many accidents if you drove more slowly.
20. If you (wear) a false beard nobody would have recognized you.
21. If she (leave) the fish there the cat will get it.
22. Unless they leave a lamp beside that hole in the road somebody (fall) into it.
23. You'll get pneumonia if you (not change) your wet clothes.
24. If I had known that you couldn't eat octopus I (not buy) it.
25. If they (hang) that picture lower people would be able to see it.
26. She (be able) to walk faster if her shoes hadn't such high heels.
27. I (bring) you some beer if I had known that you were thirsty.
28. If you had touched that electric cable you (be) electrocuted.
29. If the story hadn't been true the newspaper (not print) it.
30. I (not buy) things on the instalment system if I were you.
31. Dial 999 if you (want) Police, Ambulance, or Fire Brigade.
32. You (not be) any use to me unless you learn to type.
33. If anyone attacked me, my dog (jump) at his throat.
34. If he were in he (answer) the phone.
35. The ship would have run around if the pilot (make) one mistake.
36. I shouldn't have taken your umbrella if I (know) that it was the only one you had.

Answers

1. find/should find 2. shall have 3. will happen 4. had had 5. will you stay 6. would you choose 7. gets/should get 8. comes 9. will sit 10. didn't talk 11. shall/should I do 12. had read 13. had 14. shall go 15. would you do 16. run 17. will not be 18. comes 19. would not have 20. had worn 21. leaves 22. will fall 23. don't change 24. should not have bought 25. hung 26. would be able to/could 27. should have brought 28. would have been 29. would not have printed 30. should not buy 31. want 32. won't be 33. would jump 34. would answer 35. had made 36. had known