

English Grammar (UNIT 8) P.166 (Notes + Exercises) (February 2021)

Unless. Unless is a conjunction which means except if

Example: You can't get a job **unless** you've got experience (= you can only get a job **if** you have experience). **Unless** you call me to say you're not coming, I'll see you at the theatre (= I will see you there **if** you do not call to say you are not coming).

EXERCISE ON "Unless and If":

Rewrite the following sentences beginning with "IF..."

1. **Unless** you discipline yourself, you can waste time on the Internet.
(Answer: **If** you do not discipline yourself, you can waste time on the Internet.)
2. **Unless** I don't have much time, I always listen to the news broadcast.
3. **Unless** you send her an email, she will not know about your new home.
4. **Unless** you have a smart phone, you can't download some things.
5. **Unless** something unusual happens, the use of the Internet will keep growing.

If-sentences (Remember zero conditional, First conditional, Second conditional, Third conditional)

1 Look at these sentences from the dialogue -What should Rosie do? p 76, Unit 9 in *English in Use*, Students' Book 3. (Look at the dialogue if you this book).

a *If you do well, you can think about "A" level.*

b *If she got married now, she wouldn't have to worry about all this.*

These are *if*-sentences. Sentence **a** is an example of the likely conditional and sentence **b** is an example of the unlikely conditional.

2 Now look at these *if*-sentences from the same dialogue:

a *If I had had the chance, I would have stayed at school.*

IF + Past perfect + WOULD HAVE

b *If he'd left school after 'O' level, he could have bought his own taxi by now.*

These sentences are examples of the past conditional. We use this form to talk about past situations which didn't happen and therefore are impossible. It is often used to talk about regrets.

Example: *If I had worked hard, I would have passed my exams.*

Notes: 1 *had* and *would* are often contracted to so that they sound the same.

Example: *If you'd worked hard, you'd have passed your exams.*

2 *could have* and *might have* can also be used in past conditional sentences.

Example: *If you had come to the party, you could have met my cousin.*

1 Make correct sentences by matching the beginnings in column A with the endings in column B. Write them in your exercise book.

A

B

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| 1 If it hadn't rained yesterday afternoon, | a you wouldn't have cut yourself with that knife. |
| 2 If we had trained more, | b we might have won our last match. |
| 3 If I had seen you yesterday, | c I would have told you about my party. |
| 4 If we had had breakfast, | d the bus would have been on time. |
| 5 If the roads hadn't been so busy, | e we would have played football. |
| 6. If you had been more careful, | f we wouldn't have been hungry. |

2 Copy and complete the sentences in your exercise book with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1 If I (do) my homework, the teacher (not be) angry with me.

Answer: If I had done my homework, the teacher wouldn't have been angry with me.

2 If I (not be) ill, I (come) with you on your trip.

3 If Juma (not have) such a big lunch, he (not fall asleep) in the afternoon.

4 If you (come) to the concert, you (enjoy) it very much.

5 If my brother (check) the car before we left, it (not break down).

6 If I (not be) tired, I (stay) at the party.

3 Make past conditional sentences from each of these situations. Write them in your exercise book

1 Yesterday, Juma slept late and woke up late.

If I had done my homework, the teacher wouldn't have woken up late.

2 He didn't have time to walk to school, so he took the bus.

If he had had time to walk to school, he wouldn't...

3 There was a lot of traffic and the bus was caught in a traffic jam.

If there hadn't been ...

4 Juma jumped off the bus and hurt his ankle.

If he hadn't ...

5 He arrived at school late and his teacher told him off.

If he hadn't ...

6 Because his ankle was injured, he didn't go to football training after school.

If his ankle ...

7 The coach didn't pick Juma for the team because he didn't go to training.

If he had ...

8 He didn't play in the school team because he had slept late.

If he hadn't...