

Free B2-C1 Grammar Worksheet

Mixed Conditionals

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1. Grammar Focus

Mixed conditionals connect **different time periods**. The most common patterns link an unreal past condition to a present result, or an unreal present condition to a past result. Choose the forms from the time relationship, not by mechanically mixing tenses.

Use	Pattern	Example
Past condition -> present result	if + past perfect, would + base verb	If I'd accepted the transfer, I'd live in Manchester now.
Past condition -> present result in progress	if + past perfect, would/could/might be + verb-ing	If we'd moved to London, we'd be living there now.
Negative past condition -> present result	if + hadn't + past participle, wouldn't + base verb	If we hadn't moved abroad, we wouldn't know so many people now.
Past condition -> present ability / possibility	if + past perfect, could / might + base verb	If I'd studied design, I could work in that field now.
Present condition -> past result	if + past simple, would have + past participle	If I were more organised, I wouldn't have missed yesterday's deadline.
Present condition -> past ability / possibility	if + past simple, could / might have + past participle	If she spoke better French, she could have handled the call herself yesterday.
Questions	would + subject + base verb now ... if + past perfect? would + subject + have + past participle ... if + past simple?	Where would you live now if you'd taken that job? Would you have applied if you were more confident?

Point	Remember
Time clues	now, today, currently often signal a present result; yesterday, last week, then often signal a past result.
Second conditional	If the condition and result are both present/future, use a normal second conditional: <i>If I lived closer, I would walk to work.</i>
Third conditional	If the condition and result are both past, use a normal third conditional: <i>If I had checked, I would have noticed.</i>
Were	Were is preferred in careful hypothetical English with <i>I/he/she/it</i> : <i>If I were more confident...</i> Was is common informally, but this worksheet uses were .
Clause order	Either clause can come first. Use a comma when the if-clause comes first; normally no comma when it comes second.

2. Choose the Correct Form

Choose the option that best fits the context. Some items test grammatical form; others test whether the condition and result belong to the past or the present.

No.	Context	Options
1	I rejected a permanent transfer to Bristol five years ago. If I'd accepted it, I _____ there now.	would live / would have lived
2	If she were more confident, she would have _____ at yesterday's meeting.	spoke / spoken
3	Leo's fear of flying is a continuing trait. If he _____ more comfortable with planes generally, he would have joined us in Rome last weekend.	would be / were
4	If I'd taken the scholarship, I _____ in Edinburgh now.	would be living / would have lived
5	We moved abroad ten years ago, and our children are bilingual now. If we hadn't moved, they _____ bilingual now.	wouldn't be / wouldn't have been
6	If I were better at maths, I could have _____ the problem myself yesterday.	solve / solved
7	Maya didn't take the internship in 2022, and she lacks relevant experience now. If she had taken it, she _____ much more experience now.	would have / would have had
8	If he were more careful, he wouldn't have _____ his passport last week.	lose / lost
9	I'm still very indecisive. If I were more decisive, I _____ the offer yesterday.	would accept / would have accepted
10	If they'd invested earlier, the company _____ in a stronger position now.	would be / would been
11	I didn't study medicine, so I am not a doctor now. If I'd studied medicine, I _____ a doctor now.	would have been / would be
12	If we were more organised, we might have _____ the booking error earlier.	noticed / notice

3. Match the Sentence to the Grammar Reason

Write the correct letter A-J beside each sentence. Two reasons are not used.

No.	Sentence	Answer
1	If I'd accepted the transfer, I'd work in Glasgow now.	
2	If we'd kept the old flat, we wouldn't be paying this much rent now.	
3	If Mia were more assertive, she would have challenged the decision yesterday.	
4	If I'd learnt coding at university, I could work as a developer now.	
5	If Leo were less cautious, he might have invested in the company last year.	
6	If we hadn't moved abroad, the children wouldn't speak two languages now.	
7	Where would you live now if you'd taken the job in Canada?	
8	If I were better at public speaking, I could have given the presentation yesterday.	

A-J	Grammar reason
A	Use could + base verb for a present ability or opportunity caused by an unreal past condition.
B	Use Where/What would + subject + base verb now ...? to ask about a present result of an unreal past condition.
C	Use if + had + past participle and would + base verb in a positive statement for a present result of an unreal past condition.
D	Use hadn't + past participle in the past condition and wouldn't + base verb for a negative present result.
E	Use if + past perfect and would have + past participle when both the condition and result are in the past. This is a standard third conditional.
F	Use wouldn't + base verb or wouldn't be + -ing for a negative present result caused by a positive unreal past condition.
G	Use could have + past participle for a past ability or opportunity that depended on a present unreal condition.
H	Use if + past simple and would have + past participle in a positive statement for a past result of a present unreal condition.
I	Use if + past simple and would + base verb when both the condition and result refer to the present or future. This is a standard second conditional.
J	Use might have + past participle for an uncertain past result that depended on a present unreal condition.

4. Correct the Mistakes

Each sentence has one mixed-conditional grammar error. Write the complete corrected sentence.

No.	Incorrect sentence	Your correction
1	If I would have taken that course, I'd have a better job now.	_____
2	If she were more organised, she would have finish the report yesterday.	_____
3	If we'd moved to London in 2020, we would be lived there now.	_____
4	If he spoke better German, he could handled the call last week.	_____
5	If I hadn't sold the car, I wouldn't be take the bus every day now.	_____
6	If Maya were more confident, she would applied for the role last year.	_____
7	Where would you be working now if you would have accepted the promotion?	_____
8	If we were more careful with money, we might saved enough for the trip last year.	_____

5. Complete the Sentences

Use each expression from the box once.

would have submitted it on time | were less nervous in interviews | had accepted the scholarship | could be running it today | might have got the job last week | hadn't sold the business | would be living in Leeds now | were more organised

No.	Sentence
1	I turned down a university scholarship. If I _____, I would be studying engineering now.
2	If we had moved north in 2021, we _____.
3	Your files and calendar are always in a mess. If you _____, you wouldn't have missed yesterday's deadline.
4	If I were better at planning, I _____.
5	Priya sold her small business two years ago. If Priya _____, she would still own it today.
6	If Dan had bought that small cafe, he _____.
7	Sara prepared well, but nerves affected her answers. If she _____, she might have performed better at last week's interview.
8	If Sara were calmer under interview pressure, she _____.

6. Rewrite Using Mixed Conditionals

Rewrite each prompt using the required mixed-conditional form. Preserve the meaning.

No.	Original / instruction	Your rewrite
1	I didn't accept a job in Edinburgh, so I don't live there now. Use a past condition and present result.	
2	I am not very confident, so I didn't speak in yesterday's meeting. Use a present condition and past result.	
3	We sold our old house, so we rent now. Use a negative past condition.	
4	She doesn't speak Mandarin, so she couldn't handle the client call yesterday. Use could have.	
5	He didn't study medicine, so he isn't a doctor now. Use would + base verb for the present result.	
6	You turned down a job abroad. Ask where you would live now if you had accepted it. Write a mixed-conditional question.	
7	Tom is still disorganised. Yesterday he missed the deadline because of this. Use a present condition and negative past result.	
8	I don't have enough relevant experience now because I didn't take the internship. Put the result clause first.	

7. Meaning and Time Relationship

Choose the description that matches each sentence.

No.	Sentence	A	B	C
1	If I were more decisive, I would have accepted the offer last week.	Past condition -> present result	Present condition -> past result	Same-time second or third conditional
2	If we'd bought that flat in 2019, we'd own property in London now.	Past condition -> present result	Present condition -> past result	Same-time second or third conditional
3	If she had checked the figures, she would have noticed the error.	Past condition -> present result	Present condition -> past result	Same-time second or third conditional
4	If I hadn't injured my knee, I'd still play football every weekend.	Past condition -> present result	Present condition -> past result	Same-time second or third conditional
5	If he were less impatient, he wouldn't have left the meeting early yesterday.	Past condition -> present result	Present condition -> past result	Same-time second or third conditional
6	If we'd taken the earlier flight, we'd be at home now.	Past condition -> present result	Present condition -> past result	Same-time second or third conditional
7	If I lived closer, I would walk to work.	Past condition -> present result	Present condition -> past result	Same-time second or third conditional
8	If Maya spoke better Spanish, she could have managed the call herself this morning.	Past condition -> present result	Present condition -> past result	Same-time second or third conditional

8. Speaking Practice

Work with a partner. Give complete answers and explain the time relationship in your mixed conditional.

Prompt	Prompt
Think of a past decision that affects your life now. What would be different if you had chosen differently?	Think of a present habit or personality trait that affected something you did last week. What would have happened if that trait were different?
If you had chosen a different course of study, what might you be doing now?	If you spoke another language fluently, what past opportunity could you have taken?
Think of a move, job or relationship decision from the past. How might your current life be different if it had not happened?	Ask your partner a mixed-conditional question about where they would live or work now after a different past choice.
Explain the difference between a third conditional and a past-condition -> present-result mixed conditional.	Create one present-condition -> past-result mixed conditional and explain why a standard second conditional would not express the same meaning.

9. Write Your Own Sentences

Write one complete mixed-conditional sentence or question for each prompt.

No.	Prompt	Your sentence
1	Write a past condition with a present result using would .	
2	Write a negative past condition with a negative present result.	
3	Write a present condition with a past result using would have .	
4	Write a present condition with a past result using could have or might have .	
5	Write a question about a present result of a different past choice.	

10. Vocabulary and Grammar Sentence Practice

Use the required form and topic to write a natural mixed-conditional sentence.

No.	Required form	Topic	Your sentence
1	if + past perfect	career / current situation	
2	would + base verb	home or city / now	
3	if + past simple	personality / past decision	
4	would have + past participle	money / purchase last year	
5	could have + past participle	language / past opportunity	
6	might + base verb	past decision / current possibility	

11. Error-checking Challenge

The paragraph contains exactly seven mixed-conditional grammar errors. Find them and write the seven corrections below.

Looking back, my career could be very different. If I would have accepted a graduate job in London ten years ago, I would live there now. If I had moved then, I would have working for a larger company today. I am quite cautious by nature; if I were more confident, I would applied for management roles years ago. I also never learnt German. If I spoke German, I could have took the Berlin position last year. My partner and I sold our small flat in 2020. If we hadn't sold it, we wouldn't be rent now. Finally, I am terrible at keeping in touch. If I were more organised, I might remembered my former manager's birthday last month. And if I had stayed in that first job, I would be had more contacts in the industry now.

No.	Correction
1	
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12. Useful Reminders

Reminder	Rule
Past -> present	Use if + past perfect for the unreal past condition and would/could/might + base verb for the present result. Use would/could/might be + verb-ing when the imagined present result is in progress.
Present -> past	Use if + past simple for the unreal present condition and would/could/might have + past participle for the past result.
Time clues	Words such as now/currently and yesterday/last year help show which clause belongs to which time.
Negatives	Negative forms follow the same time logic: hadn't + past participle; wouldn't + base verb; wouldn't have + past participle.
Were	Use were in careful hypothetical English: If I were..., If she were...
Questions	Choose the question form from the result time: Where would you live now...? / What would you have done...?
Second / third	Do not call every conditional with different verb forms mixed. A mixed conditional specifically links different time periods.

Answer Key

Section 2: Choose the Correct Form

Answers 1-6	Answers 7-12
1. would live	7. would have
2. spoken	8. lost
3. were	9. would have accepted
4. would be living	10. would be
5. wouldn't be	11. would be
6. solved	12. noticed

Section 3: Match the Sentence to the Grammar Reason

Items 1-4	Items 5-8
1. C	5. J
2. F	6. D
3. H	7. B
4. A	8. G

Unused reasons: E and I.

Section 4: Correct the Mistakes

No.	Correct sentence
1	If I had taken that course, I'd have a better job now.
2	If she were more organised, she would have finished the report yesterday.
3	If we'd moved to London in 2020, we would be living there now.
4	If he spoke better German, he could have handled the call last week.
5	If I hadn't sold the car, I wouldn't be taking the bus every day now.
6	If Maya were more confident, she would have applied for the role last year.
7	Where would you be working now if you had accepted the promotion?
8	If we were more careful with money, we might have saved enough for the trip last year.

Teacher note: accept any grammatical correction that preserves the meaning.

Answer Key: Continued

Section 5: Complete the Sentences

Answers 1-4	Answers 5-8
1. had accepted the scholarship	5. hadn't sold the business
2. would be living in Leeds now	6. could be running it today
3. were more organised	7. were less nervous in interviews
4. would have submitted it on time	8. might have got the job last week

Section 6: Rewrite Using Mixed Conditionals

No.	Possible answer
1	If I'd accepted the job in Edinburgh, I'd live there now.
2	If I were more confident, I would have spoken in yesterday's meeting.
3	If we hadn't sold our old house, we wouldn't be renting now.
4	If she spoke Mandarin, she could have handled the client call yesterday.
5	If he had studied medicine, he would be a doctor now.
6	Where would you live now if you'd accepted the job abroad?
7	If Tom were more organised, he wouldn't have missed yesterday's deadline.
8	I would have more relevant experience now if I'd taken the internship.

Teacher note: these are possible answers. Accept any grammatical rewrite that preserves the meaning and uses the required target form.

Section 7: Meaning and Time Relationship

Answers 1-4	Answers 5-8
1. B	5. B
2. A	6. A
3. C	7. C
4. A	8. B

Answer Key: Continued

Section 8: Speaking Practice

No fixed answers required. Students should use mixed conditionals accurately and explain the time relationship.

Section 9: Write Your Own Sentences

Teacher note: accept any grammatical mixed-conditional sentence or question that follows the prompt.

Section 10: Vocabulary and Grammar Sentence Practice

No.	Required form	No.	Required form
1	if + past perfect	4	would have + past participle
2	would + base verb	5	could have + past participle
3	if + past simple	6	might + base verb

Teacher note: accept any grammatical sentence using the required form and the stated topic.

Section 11: Error-checking Challenge

No.	Incorrect form	Correct form
1	would have accepted	had accepted
2	would have working	would be working
3	would applied	would have applied
4	could have took	could have taken
5	wouldn't be rent	wouldn't be renting
6	might remembered	might have remembered
7	would be had	would have

Teacher note: accept any grammatical correction that preserves the meaning.

Section 12: Useful Reminders

No answers required.