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Conditional Sentences: Additional Exercises¹

I. Choose the correct completion.

1. If I could speak Spanish, I _____ next year studying in Mexico.
A. will spend B. would have spent C. had spent D. would spend
2. It would have been a much more serious accident _____ fast at the time.
A. was she driving B. had she been driving C. she had driven D. if she drove
3. "Can I borrow your car for this evening?"
"Sure, but Nora's using it right now: If she _____ it back in time, you're welcome to borrow it."
A. brought B. would bring C. will bring D. brings
4. I didn't get home until well after midnight last night. Otherwise, I _____ your call.
A. returned B. had returned C. would return D. would have returned
5. If energy _____ inexpensive and unlimited, many things in the world would be different.
A. is B. will be C. were D. would be
6. We _____ the game if we'd had a few more minutes.
A. could have won B. won C. had won D. will win
7. I _____ William with me if I had known you and he didn't get along with each other.
A. hadn't brought B. didn't bring C. wouldn't have brought D. won't bring
8. The lecturer last night didn't know what he was talking about, but if Dr. Mason _____, I would have listened carefully.
A. lectured B. had been lecturing C. was lecturing D. would lecture
9. If you _____ to my advice in the first place, you wouldn't be in this mess right now.
A. listen B. will listen C. had listened D. listened
10. _____ interested in that subject, I would try to learn more about it.
A. If I am B. Should I C. I was D. Were I
11. If I _____ the same problems you had as a child, I might not have succeeded in life as well as you have.
A. have B. would have C. had had D. should have
12. I _____ you sooner had someone told me you were in the hospital.
A. would have visited B. visited C. had visited D. visit
13. _____ more help, I could call my neighbor.
A. Needed B. Should I need C. I have needed D. I should need
14. _____ then what I know today, I would have saved myself a lot of time and trouble over the years.
A. If I know B. If I would know C. Did I know D. Had I known

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15. Do you think there would be less conflict in the world if all people _____ the same language?
A. speak B. will speak C. spoke D. had spoken
16. If you can give me one good reason for your acting like this, _____ this incident again.
A. I don't mention B. I will never mention C. I never mention D. will I never mention
17. I didn't know you were asleep. Otherwise, I _____ so much noise when I came in.
A. didn't make B. wouldn't have made C. won't make D. don't make
18. Unless you _____ all of my questions, I can't do anything to help you.
A. answered B. answer C. would answer D. are answering
19. Had you told me that this was going to happen, I _____ it.
A. would never have believed B. don't believe C. hadn't believed D. can't believe
20. If Jake _____ to go on the trip, would you have gone?
A. doesn't agree B. didn't agree C. hadn't agreed D. wouldn't agree

II. Complete the sentences with the words in parentheses.

1. I'm broke, but I (*have*) _____ plenty of money now if I (*spend, not*) _____ so much yesterday.
2. That child had a narrow escape. She (*hit*) _____ by a car if her mother (*pull, not*) _____ her out of the street.
3. A: Why were you late for the meeting?
B: Well, I (*be*) _____ there on time, but I had a flat tire on the way.
4. A: Did you know that Bob got 100% on the test?
B: Really? That surprises me. If I didn't know better, I (*think*) _____ he cheated.
5. A: How did you do on the test?
B: Not so well. I (*do*) _____ much better, but I misread the directions for the last section.
6. A: Do you really mean it?
B: Of course! I (*say, not*) _____ it unless I (*mean*) _____ it.
7. A: When did Mark graduate?
B: He didn't.
A: Oh?
B: He had to quit school because of some trouble at home. Otherwise, he (*graduate*) _____ last June.
8. A: I hear Dorothy had an accident. Was it serious?
B: No. Luckily, she wasn't driving fast at the time of the accident. If she (*drive*) _____ fast, I'm sure it (*be*) _____ a more serious accident.
9. Tom's hobby is collecting stamps from all over the world. If he (*travel*) _____ to a new country, he (*spend, always*) _____ time looking for new stamps. That's how he has acquired such a large collection of valuable stamps.

III. Using the information in parentheses, complete the sentences.

1. Tim acts as if he _____ the boss. (*Truth: Tim isn't the boss.*)
2. This hole in my shirt looks as if it _____ by a bullet. (*Truth: The hole wasn't made by a bullet.*)
3. Barbara looked at me as though she _____ never _____ me before. (*Truth: She has met me many times before.*)
4. They treat their dog as if it _____ a child. (*Truth: The dog isn't a child.*)
5. She went right on talking as though she _____ a word I'd said. (*Truth: She heard everything I said.*)
6. You look so depressed. You look as if you _____ a friend in the world. (*Truth: You have many friends.*)
7. He looked right through me as if I _____. (*Truth: I exist.*)
8. Craig bumped the other car and then continued as though nothing _____. (*Truth: Something happened.*)
9. A: Have Joe and Diane ever met?
B: I don't think so. Why?
A: He came in and started talking to her as if they _____ old friends. (*Truth: They aren't old friends.*)
10. I can hear his voice so clearly that it's as if he _____ here in this room. (*Truth: He isn't here in this room; he's next door.*)
11. It was so quiet that it seemed as if the earth _____. (*Truth: The earth didn't stop.*)
12. I turned, and there she was. It was as though she _____ out of nowhere. (*Truth: She didn't appear out of nowhere.*)

IV. Using the information in parentheses, complete the sentences.

1. (*The sun isn't shining.*) I wish the sun _____ right now.
2. (*I wanted you to go.*) I wish _____ with us to the concert last night.
3. (*Spiro didn't drive.*) I wish Spiro _____ to work. I'd ask him for a ride home.
4. (*I can't swim.*) I wish I _____ so I would feel safe in a boat.
5. (*I want you to stop fighting.*) I wish you _____ fighting and try to work things out.
6. (*I wanted to win.*) I wish we _____ the game last night.
7. (*Bill didn't get the promotion.*) I wish Bill _____ the promotion. He feels bad.
8. (*I quit my job.*) I wish I _____ my job until I'd found another one.
9. (*It isn't winter.*) I wish it _____ winter so that I could go skiing.
10. (*I want Al to sing.*) I wish Al _____ a couple of songs. He has a good voice.
11. (*Natasha can't bring her children.*) I wish Natasha _____ her children with her tomorrow. They would be good company for mine.

12. (No one offered to help.) I wish someone _____ to help us find our way when we got lost in the middle of the city.

V. Complete the sentences with the words in parentheses.

1. Pedro's in trouble with the teacher. Now he wishes he (*miss, not*) _____ class three times this week.
2. A: It's raining. I wish it (*stop*) _____ .
B: Me too. I wish the sun (*shine*) _____ so that we could go swimming.
3. Heinrich doesn't like his job as a house painter. He wishes he (*go*) _____ to art school when he was younger. He wishes he (*can paint*) _____ canvasses instead of houses for a living.
4. I wish I (*move, not*) _____ to this town. I can't seem to make any friends, and everything is so congested. I wish I (*take*) _____ the job I was offered in the small town near here.
5. I know I should quit smoking. I wish you (*stop*) _____ nagging me about it.
6. A: Did you get your car back from the garage?
B: Yes, and it still isn't fixed. I wish I (*pay, not*) _____ them in full when I picked up the car. I should have waited to be sure that everything was all right.
7. A: I wish you (*hurry*) _____ ! We're going to be late.
B: I wish you (*relax*) _____. We've got plenty of time.
8. I wish my husband (*invite, not*) _____ the neighbors over for dinner when he talked to them this afternoon. I don't feel like cooking a big dinner.
9. A: How do you like the new president of our association?
B: Not much. I wish she (*elect, not*) _____. I never should have voted for her.
A: Oh, really? Then you probably wish I (*vote, not*) _____ for her. If you recall, she won by only one vote. You and I could have changed the outcome of the election if we'd known then what we know now.
10. A: I wish we (*buy*) _____ everything we wanted all the time.
B: In that case, you probably wish money (*grow*) _____ on trees. We'd plant some in the back yard, and just go out and pick a little from the branches every morning.
11. A: My thirteen-year-old daughter wishes she (*be, not*) _____ so tall and that her hair (*be*) _____ black and straight.
B: Really? My daughter wishes she (*be*) _____ taller and that her hair (*be*) _____ blond and curly.
12. A: I wish most world leaders (*meet*) _____ in the near future and reach some agreement on environmental issues. I'm worried the earth is running out of time.
B: I wish I (*disagree*) _____ with you and (*prove*) _____ your fears groundless, but I'm afraid you might be right.
13. A: I can't go to the game with you this afternoon.
B: Really? That's too bad. But I wish you (*tell*) _____ me sooner so that I could have found someone else to go with.

14. A: How long have you been sick?

B: For over a week.

A: I wish you (go) _____ to see a doctor today. You should find out what's wrong with you.

B: Maybe I'll go tomorrow.

VI. Complete the sentences with the words in parentheses.

TOM: What's wrong, Bob? You look awful! You look as if you (1. run) _____ over by a truck!

BOB: Well, you (2. look) _____ this bad today, too, if you (3. have) _____ a day like mine yesterday. My car slid into a tree because the roads were icy.

TOM: Oh? I was driving on the icy roads yesterday, and I didn't slide into a tree. What happened?

BOB: Well, I suppose if I (4. drive, not) _____ so fast, I (5. slide, not) _____ into the tree.

TOM: Icy roads and speed don't mix. If drivers (6. step) _____ on the gas on ice, they're likely to spin their car in a circle.

BOB: I know! And not only is my car a mess now, but I didn't have my driver's license with me, so now I'll have to pay an extra fine when I go to court next month.

TOM: Why were you driving without your license?

BOB: Well, I lost my wallet a few days ago. It slipped out of my pocket while I was riding the bus to work.

TOM: What a tale of woe! If you (7. take not) _____ that bus, you (8. lose, not) _____ your wallet. If you (9. lose, not) _____ your wallet, you (10. have) _____ your driver's license with you when you hit a tree. If you (11. have) _____ your license with you, you (12. have to pay, not) _____ a big fine when you go to court next week. And of course, if you (13. drive, not) _____ too fast, you (14. run into, not) _____ a tree, and you (15. be, not) _____ in this mess now. If I (16. be) _____ you, I (17. take) _____ it easy for a while and just (18. stay) _____ home where you're safe and sound.

BOB: Enough about me! How about you?

TOM: Well, things are really looking up for me. I'm planning to take off for Florida as soon as I finish my finals. I'm sick of all this cold, rainy weather we've been having. I (19. stay) _____ here for vacation if the weather (20. be, not) _____ so bad. But I need some sun!

BOB: I wish I (21. go) _____ with you. How are you planning on getting there?

TOM: If I have enough money, I (22. fly) _____. Otherwise, I (23. take) _____ the bus. I wish I (24. drive) _____ my own car there because it (25. be) _____ nice to have it to drive around in once I get there, but it's such a long trip. I've been looking for a friend to go with me and share the driving.

BOB: Hey, I have a super idea! Why don't I go with you? I can share the driving. I'm a great driver!

TOM: Didn't you just get through telling me that you'd wrapped your car around a tree?