Conditional sentences are statements discussing known factors or hypothetical situations and their consequences. Complete conditional sentences contain a conditional clause (often referred to as the if-clause) and the consequence.

Conditional tenses are used to speculate about what could happen, what might have happened, and what we wish would happen. In English, most sentences using the conditional contain the word if.

There are three different types of conditions in English. Each expresses a different degree of probability that a situation will occur or would have occurred under certain circumstances.

- Open Condition
- Rejected Condition
- Imaginary Condition
**Open Condition:** - A condition which may or may not be fulfilled.

What shall we do if it rains?

I shall take an umbrella in case it rains.

He will not get there in time unless he hurries.

**Rejected Condition:** - a condition which might have been fulfilled, but is not.

If I weren’t so busy, I would go to the station with you.

If I had time, I should visit the zoo.

**Imaginary Condition:** - one which couldn’t be true.

If you were a bird, you would fly.

If I were you, I should post that letter at the main post office.

- Conditional sentences has two parts
  - First part
    - V1
    - V2
    - Had + V3
  - Second part
    - Shall/ will + V1
    - Should/would + V1
    - Should/Would + Have + V3
EXERCISE 47

Put the following conditional sentences into the past.

1. If she took a taxi (conditional), she would reach the station in time.
   Ans. If she had taken a taxi, she would have reached the station in time.

2. You would not pass unless you worked hard.
   Ans. You would not have passed unless you had worked hard.

3. If I were you, I should not accept the post.
   Ans. If I had been you, I should not have accepted the post.

4. If I sold this house, I should get at least Rs. 95000 for it.
   Ans. If I had sold this house, I would have got at least 95,000 for it.

5. What would you do if you missed the last train?
   Ans. What would you have done if you had missed the last train?

6. If he were a year younger, he would be eligible for the posts.
Ans. If he had been a year younger he would have been eligible for the post.

7. If I weren’t so tired, I would go for a walk with you.
Ans. If I had not been so tired, I would have gone for a walk with you.

8. If I had more money, I should buy a present for you.
Ans. If I had had been more money I should have bought a present for you.

9. If I were a millionaire, I would give generously to the poor.
Ans. If I had been a millionaire, I would have given generously to the poor.

10. What would you do if you were attacked by a wolf?
Ans. What would you have done if you had been attacked by a wolf?

EXERCISE 48
Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of Verbs given in the bracket.

11) If you **spoke** louder, we should hear you better. (speak)

12) I **would** give her money if I had more. (give)
13) If only we had left two minutes earlier, we should have caught the train. (leave)

14) If you had asked me to do it, I would have done it. (do)

15) If I had known her address, I would have called on her. (know)

16) I would not have tolerated her rudeness, if I had been you. (not tolerate)

17) If he had been a little more careful, the accident would not have happened. (be)

18) If I had time I would visit the exhibition. (visit)

19) If he had heard of your marriage, he would have been surprised. (hear)

20) If I had not been so tired, I would have gone for a walk with you. (go)

EXERCISE 49

Select the correct verb (* is the correct answer)

1. If you were the Prime Minister, you ___ in Delhi.
   A. will live
   B. would live *
   C. would have lived

2. Were she to see you, she ___ surprised.
   A. will be
   B. would be *
   C. would have been
3. Had I saved money I ___ a new car.
   A. will purchase
   B. would purchase
   C. would have purchased*

4. If you had been at the meeting, I ___ you.
   A. shall see
   B. should see
   C. should have seen*

5. What would you have done if you ___ the train?
   A. missed
   B. had missed*
   C. would have missed

6. If I were younger, I ___ language.
   A. studied
   B. would study*
   C. would have studied

7. Your suit would look better if you ___ a red tie.
A. wear
B. wore*
C. had worn

8. I would have helped you if you___ me to.
A. had asked*
B. would ask
C. would’ve asked

9. If you____ me about it I should never have known the facts.
A. did not tell
B. had not told*
C. would not have told

10. I___ lunch if I hadn’t been in such a hurry.
A. would have
B. would have had*
C. will have