CONDITIONAL CLAUSES

CEFR Level B1 — Intermediate

English Language Worksheets | 4 Worksheets + Answer Key

Worksheet 1: Second, Third & Alternatives to 'if'

Unreal present, unreal past — and unless / as long as / provided that.

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____

PART A — **Look and learn**

Type	Form	Use & example
Second	if + past, would + verb	unreal present: If I knew her number, I would call.
Third	if + past perfect, would have + -ed	unreal past: If we had left earlier, we would have caught it.
unless	= if … not	You'll fail unless you revise.
as long as / provided that	condition / stipulation	You can borrow it, as long as you return it.
in case	precaution (not condition)	Take an umbrella in case it rains.

*Careful! **Unless** already means 'if not', so don't add another 'not': Unless you hurry (not unless you don't hurry).*

PART B — **Choose the correct form**

Underline the correct option in each sentence.

1. If I (had known / knew) you were coming, I would have baked a cake.
2. You won't pass (unless / if) you study.
3. If she (was / were) here, she would know what to do.
4. We can go out, (as long as / in case) you're home by ten.
5. If they (had left / left) on time, they wouldn't have missed it.
6. Take some cash (in case / unless) the card machine is broken.
7. I would help you if I (have / had) more time.
8. If he (had studied / studied) medicine, he would be a doctor now.

PART C — **Correct the mistakes**

Each sentence contains ONE mistake. Write the correction.

1. "If I would have money, I would buy it."
   Correction: _____

2	“Unless you don't hurry, you'll be late.” Correction: _____
3	“If she had asked, I would help her.” Correction: _____
4	“We will go swimming if it wouldn't rain.” Correction: _____
5	“If I was you, I would apologise.” (formal) Correction: _____

Score: _____ / 13

Worksheet 2: Building Second & Third Conditionals

Put the verbs in the right form and complete the patterns.

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____

PART A — **Fill in the gaps**

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form for a second or third conditional.

1	If I _____ (win) the prize, I would give some to charity.	*(2nd)*
2	If you had told me, I _____ (help) you.	*(3rd)*
3	She would travel more if she _____ (have) the money.	*(2nd)*
4	If we had booked earlier, we _____ (get) cheaper seats.	*(3rd)*
5	If I _____ (be) you, I wouldn't worry.	*(2nd)*
6	They would have won if they _____ (train) harder.	*(3rd)*
7	If he spoke French, he _____ (understand) the film.	*(2nd)*
8	If it hadn't snowed, the roads _____ (not / close).	*(3rd)*

PART B — **Match the halves**

Match each if-part (1–5) with the correct ending (A–E).

If-part	Ending
1. If I had studied law, ___	A. I would call the police.
2. If I saw a crime, ___	B. I would be a lawyer now.
3. If you had woken me, ___	C. I wouldn't be so tired today.
4. If I had gone to bed earlier, ___	D. I wouldn't have missed the bus.
5. If I spoke Italian, ___	E. I would live in Rome.

My answers: 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ 5 ___

Score: _____ / 13

Worksheet 3: I wish / If only & Clause Position

Express regrets and wishes, and move the if-clause for emphasis.

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____

PART A — **I wish / If only**

Form	Use	Example
wish + past	unreal present (now)	I wish I had a bigger flat.
wish + past perfect	regret about the past	I wish I had studied harder.
wish + would	annoyance / a wanted change	I wish it would stop raining.

Complete each sentence with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. I wish I _____ how to swim. *(know)*
2. She wishes she _____ that email yesterday. *(not / send)*
3. I wish you _____ chewing so loudly! *(stop)*
4. If only I _____ taller. *(be)*
5. They wish they _____ the tickets before they sold out. *(buy)*
6. I wish it _____ warmer today. *(be)*

PART B — **Move the if-clause**

Rewrite each sentence so the if-clause comes FIRST. Add a comma.

1. I would buy that jacket if it were cheaper.
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2. We would have helped if you had asked us.
   _____
3. You can stay out later as long as you tell your parents.
   _____
4. She would be healthier if she exercised more.
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Score: _____ / 10

Worksheet 4: Reading & Writing

Conditionals in a real story, then write your own.

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____

PART A — **Analytical reading**

> *Maya still remembers the day she almost quit. If her coach hadn't stopped her at the door, she would have walked away from the sport for good. 'If I could go back,' she says now, 'I would tell my younger self to be patient.' Today she trains six days a week. She knows that unless she rests properly, her body will break down; and provided that she stays healthy, she has a real chance at the national team. 'I wish I had believed in myself sooner,' she admits, 'but if everything had been easy, I wouldn't be this strong.'*

1. Find one THIRD conditional, one SECOND conditional and one FIRST-type (unless/provided) sentence.

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2. Rewrite 'I wish I had believed in myself sooner' as a regret using 'If only'.

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3. What does 'unless she rests properly' mean? Rewrite it with 'if … not'.

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4. Explain the meaning of the last sentence in your own words.

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PART B — **Write about a turning point**

Write a short text (80–100 words) about a real or imaginary turning point in someone's life. Use at least ONE second conditional, ONE third conditional and ONE 'wish' sentence. Underline them.

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Word count: _____ Structures underlined: _____ / 3

Score: _____ / 14

ANSWER KEY & TEACHER NOTES

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Worksheet 1 – Second, Third & Alternatives

#	Question / Item	Answer / Guidance
B	Choices 1–8	**1 had known, 2 unless, 3 were, 4 as long as, 5 had left, 6 in case, 7 had, 8 had studied**
C1	If I would have money	**If I had money, I would buy it. (no 'would' in the if-clause)**
C2	Unless you don't hurry	**Unless you hurry, you'll be late. ('unless' already = if not)**
C3	I would help her	**If she had asked, I would have helped her. (third conditional)**
C4	if it wouldn't rain	**We will go swimming if it doesn't rain. (first conditional)**
C5	If I was you	**If I were you, I would apologise. (subjunctive 'were' in formal use)**

Worksheet 2 – Building Conditionals

#	Question / Item	Answer / Guidance
A	Gaps 1–8 in order	**won, would have helped, had, would have got(ten), were, had trained, would understand, wouldn't have closed**
B	Matching 1–5	**1–B, 2–A, 3–D, 4–C, 5–E**

Worksheet 3 – Wishes & Clause Position

#	Question / Item	Answer / Guidance
A	Gaps 1–6 in order	**knew, hadn't sent, would stop, were, had bought, were ('was' also accepted informally)**
B1	front position	**If it were cheaper, I would buy that jacket.**
B2	front position	**If you had asked us, we would have helped.**
B3	front position	**As long as you tell your parents, you can stay out later.**
B4	front position	**If she exercised more, she would be healthier.**

Worksheet 4 – Reading & Writing

#	Question / Item	Answer / Guidance
A1	Three conditionals	**Third: 'If her coach hadn't stopped her …, she would have walked away …' or 'if everything had been easy, I wouldn't be this strong' (mixed). Second: 'If I could go back, I would tell my younger self …'. Unless/provided: 'unless she rests properly, her body will break down' / 'provided that she stays healthy …'**
A2	If only	**If only I had believed in myself sooner.**
A3	unless → if not	**'If she does not rest properly, her body will break down.'**
A4	last sentence	**The hardship made her strong; had things been easy, she would be weaker now — she values the struggle in hindsight.**

#	Question / Item	Answer / Guidance
B	Turning point (80–100 words)	**Up to 6 marks: 2 second conditional, 2 third conditional, 1 wish sentence, 1 coherence/accuracy.**