

Conditional Sentences with Contrary-to-Fact Conditions

Worksheet

Contrary-to-fact conditionals (Type 3) describe imaginary past events: si + plus-perfect subjunctive → conditional perfect. Example: Si j'avais étudié, j'aurais réussi (If I had studied, I would have passed).

Questions

1. Complete: Si tu m'___ appelé, je t'aurais aidé.

- A) avais
- B) aurais
- C) as
- D) étais

2. What mood is used in the result clause?

- A) Subjunctive
- B) Conditional
- C) Indicative
- D) Imperative

3. True or false: 'Si j'irai, je verrai' is correct Type 3 conditional.

- A) True
- B) False

4. Which sentence is Type 3 (contrary-to-fact past)?

- A) Si je partais, je serais heureux
- B) Si tu m'avais écouté, tu serais heureux
- C) Si j'ai étudié, j'ai réussi
- D) Si tu pars, tu verras

5. Si j'avais eu plus d'argent, j'aurais acheté une maison. (If I had had more money, I would have bought a house.)

6. Si tu m'avais écouté, tu ne serais pas tombé. (If you had listened to me, you would not have fallen.)

7. Si elle eût su la vérité, elle aurait agi différemment. (If she had known the truth, she would have acted differently.) [Archaic/literary eût]

8. Define: Structure of Type 3 conditional?

9. Define: What tense goes after si?

10. Define: What is conditional perfect?

Answer Key

1. A) avais — Plus-perfect subjunctive: avoir in imperfect subjunctive (avais) + past participle (appelé). Si tu m'avais appelé (If you had called me).
2. B) Conditional — The result uses conditional perfect: aurais vu, serais venu (would have seen, would have come).
3. B) False — False. Si cannot be followed by future tense. Type 3 must be: Si j'étais allé, j'aurais vu (plus-perfect subjunctive + conditional perfect).
4. B) Si tu m'avais écouté, tu serais heureux — Si tu m'avais écouté (if you had listened—plus-perfect subjunctive) describes an unreal past scenario.
5. Condition: Si j'avais eu (if I had had—plus-perfect subjunctive of avoir) Reality: I did NOT have more money Result: j'aurais acheté (I would have bought—conditional perfect) Meaning: Imaginary past that didn't happen
6. Condition: Si tu m'avais écouté (if you had listened—plus-perfect subjunctive) Reality: You did NOT listen Result: tu ne serais pas tombé (you would not have fallen—conditional perfect) Meaning: Alternative past scenario
7. Condition: Si elle eût su (if she had known—archaic plus-perfect subjunctive) Reality: She did NOT know Result: elle aurait agi (she would have acted—conditional perfect) Meaning: Unreal past with formal/archaic flavor
8. Si + plus-perfect subjunctive (condition) + conditional perfect (result). Example: Si j'avais étudié, j'aurais réussi (If I had studied, I would have passed).
9. Plus-perfect subjunctive (passé du subjonctif = avoir/être in imperfect subjunctive + past participle). Si j'eusse étudié (archaic) or Si j'avais étudié (modern).
10. Avoir or être (conditional) + past participle. J'aurais vu (I would have seen), elle serait venue (she would have come).

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