

What are Conditional Sentences?

Worksheet

Conditional sentences join a condition (si + certain tense) with a result. Type 1 (real): si + present + future. Type 2 (unlikely): si + imparfait + conditional. Type 3 (impossible past): si + pluperfect + conditional perfect.

Questions

1. What verb tense follows 'si' in Type 1 conditionals?

- A) Future
- B) Present
- C) Conditional
- D) Imparfait

2. Complete Type 2: 'Si j'avais du temps, je ____ un roman.'

- A) lirai
- B) lirais
- C) lise
- D) lusse

3. Which Type 3 construction is correct?

- A) Si j'aurais su, j'aurais parti.
- B) S'il était venu, il aurait vu.
- C) Si tu as étudié, tu réussissais.
- D) S'ils sont arrivés, ils seraient partis.

4. Type 2 expresses which idea?

- A) A real, likely future
- B) A hypothetical, unlikely situation
- C) An impossible past
- D) A general truth

5. Type 1 (likely): 'If you study, you will pass.' Write in French.

6. Type 2 (unlikely): 'If I were rich, I would buy a house.' Write in French.

7. Type 3 (past impossible): 'If they had arrived on time, they would have seen the start.' French?

8. Define: What is a conditional sentence?

9. Define: Type 1 conditional formula?

10. Define: Type 2 conditional formula?

Answer Key

1. B) Present — Type 1: si + present. The result uses future. Never use future after si.
2. B) lirais — Type 2 uses conditional: 'je lirais.' (I would read.)
3. B) S'il était venu, il aurait vu. — Type 3: si + pluperfect (était venu) + conditional perfect (aurait vu).
4. B) A hypothetical, unlikely situation — Type 2 is hypothetical/unlikely. Type 1 is real. Type 3 is impossible past.
5. Si tu études, tu réussiras. si + present (études) + future (réussiras).
6. Si j'étais riche, j'achèterais une maison. si + imparfait (étais) + conditional (achèterais).
7. S'ils étaient arrivés à l'heure, ils auraient vu le début. si + pluperfect (étaient arrivés) + conditional perfect (auraient vu).
8. A sentence that links a condition (if) with a result. The outcome depends on meeting the condition.
9. si + present tense → future or present. Si tu viens, nous jouons. (If you come, we play.)
10. si + imparfait → conditional. Si je gagnais la loterie, je voyagerais. (If I won the lottery, I would travel.)

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