

What are Nuanced Conditional Expressions Beyond Si?

Worksheet

Nuanced conditional expressions employ subjunctive, imperfect, and conditional moods to convey hypothetical or unlikely conditions with subtle layers of meaning. They move beyond si clauses to express what might, could, or should have happened.

Questions

1. Which tense combination expresses an unreal past?

- A) Imparfait + Conditionnel Présent
- B) Plus-que-Parfait + Conditionnel Passé
- C) Présent + Futur Simple
- D) Imparfait + Imparfait

2. Complete: 'Si tu _____ plus attentif, tu comprendrais mieux.'

- A) étais
- B) étais été
- C) sois
- D) étaies

3. Subjunctive is typically used after which phrase?

- A) Si je sais que...
- B) Bien que...
- C) Chaque fois que...
- D) Après que...

4. What does 'Si j'avais de l'argent, j'irais demain' express?

- A) Real future
- B) Unreal past
- C) Unreal present + future
- D) Factual past

5. French: 'Si j'avais le temps, je voyagerais.' Explain the mood.

6. French: 'Si j'avais étudié, j'aurais réussi l'examen.' What does this express?

7. French: 'Bien que tu sois occupé, tu devrais venir.' What mood is used?

8. Define: Imparfait + Conditionnel Présent

9. Define: Plus-que-Parfait + Conditionnel Passé

10. Define: Subjunctive in conditional contexts

Answer Key

1. B) Plus-que-Parfait + Conditionnel Passé — Plus-que-parfait + conditionnel passé = 'Si j'avais fait X, j'aurais Y' (unreal past).
2. A) étais — Imparfait (étais) in si-clause for hypothetical present.
3. B) Bien que... — 'Bien que' (although) triggers subjunctive for non-factual meaning.
4. C) Unreal present + future — Plus-que-parfait antecedent (if I had money = I don't) + future result.
5. This is imparfait + conditionnel présent — a hypothetical present situation. It means: 'If I had the time (but I don't), I would travel.' The imperfect si-clause is imagined, the conditional is the imagined result.
6. This uses plus-que-parfait (si-clause) + conditionnel passé (result). Meaning: 'If I had studied (but I didn't), I would have passed (but I didn't).' It expresses regret about an unreal past.
7. The subordinate clause uses subjunctive (sois) after 'bien que.' It means: 'Although you may be busy, you should come.' Subjunctive expresses concession & non-factuality.
8. Used for imagined present conditions: 'Si j'étais riche, j'achèterais une maison.'
9. Used for unreal past events: 'Si j'avais étudié, j'aurais réussi.'
10. Expresses doubt, possibility, & non-factuality after 'bien que,' 'à moins que,' etc.

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