

Mixed Conditionals

Questions 1-5

Supply the correct forms of the verbs in brackets to make one of the two (a or b) mixed conditionals.

- a) If he knew (know) the book was out of print, he would not have tried (not try) to find it in all the shops. (*If + simple past & perfect conditional*)
- b) If my mother had had (have) her blood pressure checked, she would not be (not be) in hospital now. (*If + past perfect & present [continuous] conditional*)

1. If Tom _____ (not sell) his car he _____ (give) you a lift.
2. We _____ (not wait) for you if we _____ (know) where to go.
3. I _____ (not walk) in the rain now if I _____ (take) the umbrella.
4. If she _____ (stay) in China a few months longer, she _____ (speak) Chinese fluently.
5. If I _____ (have) the money, I _____ (go) to Cuba.

Questions 6- 10

Underline the verb forms of these mixed conditionals and identify the type of mixed conditional.

I wouldn't feel so cold if I had put on my coat. (b)

6. If he had gone into the green grocery business when he left school, he would be comfortably off now. ()
7. If Erica weren't a reliable journalist, she wouldn't have been promoted to desk editor. ()
8. If they had hung that picture lower, people would be able to see it. ()
9. If we had bought the tickets in advance, we would be at the movies now. ()
10. If I didn't have to finish the report, I would have gone to the party last night. ()

Questions 11- 15

Rewrite the sentences to make the mixed-type conditionals.

I don't have a degree. That's why I didn't get the job.
If I had a degree, I would have got the job.

11. My sister didn't book the seats. She is worried now.

12. You stayed up late last night. That's why you feel so tired now.

13. Mary doesn't speak German. That's why she couldn't translate the manuscript.

14. I didn't take the management course at college. That's why I don't have so many job opportunities.

15. You're so gullible! How could you believe the lies he told you

Answer Key

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1. If Tom hadn't sold his car he would give you a lift.
2. We wouldn't have waited for you if we knew where to go.
3. I wouldn't be walking in the rain now if I had taken the umbrella.
4. If she had stayed in China a few months longer, she would speak / would be able to speak Chinese fluently.
5. If I had the money, I would have gone to Cuba.

Questions 6- 10

6. If he had gone into the green grocery business when he left school, he would be comfortably off now. (b)
7. If Erica weren't a reliable journalist, she wouldn't have been promoted to desk editor. (a)
8. If they had hung that picture lower, people would be able to see it. (b)
9. If we had bought the tickets in advance, we would be at the movies now. (b)
10. If I didn't have to finish the report, I would have gone to the party last night. (a)

Questions 11- 15

11. If my sister had booked the seats earlier, she would not be worried now.
12. You wouldn't feel so tired now if you hadn't stayed up late last night.
13. If Mary spoke German, she would / could have translated the manuscript.
14. If I had taken the management course at college, I would have many job opportunities now.
15. If you weren't so gullible, you wouldn't believe the lies he told you.