



# CONDITIONAL SENTENCES



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★ Sentences that comprise a condition are called Conditional Sentences.  
शर्त वाले वाक्य **Conditional** वाक्य कहलाते हैं।

★ In such sentences one action depends on the other action.  
(ऐसे वाक्य में एक कार्य दूसरे पर निर्भर करता है)

There are two clauses in Conditional Sentences.  
(Conditional Sentences में दो Clause होते हैं।)

Eg:-

If I work hard, I will succeed.

'Sub-ordinate  
clause' or 'If Clause'

'Principal clause'  
or 'Main clause'

★ **What is a clause?**

**Clause क्या है?**

A clause is a group of words that contains a verb (and usually other components too). A clause may form part of a sentence and it may be a complete sentence in itself.

(Clause शब्दों का समूह होता है जिसमें एक verb होता है और वाक्य के अन्य भाग भी हो सकते हैं।  
Clause खुद में पूरा वाक्य भी हो सकता है और ये वाक्य का भाग भी हो सकता है।)

**'If' is called Sub-ordinating Conjunction because 'if' introduces Sub-ordinate clause.**

**('If Sub-ordinating Conjunction कहलाता है क्योंकि 'if' Sub-ordinate clause का परिचय कराता है यानि 'If' के साथ Sub-ordinate clause आता है।)**

**We can use 'Unless', 'Until', 'When', 'Provided', 'in case' etc in place of 'if' depending on the meaning of the sentence.**

**(हम 'If' के स्थान पर Unless, Until, When, Provided अथवा in case भी देख सकते हैं। अगर वाक्य के अर्थ के अनुसार जरूरी हो तो।)**



## Present Imaginary Sentences (Type -2)

(जो कल्पना वर्तमान समय के लिए हो)

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### Present Imaginary Position

1. **If I were the Prime Minister, I would increase employment opportunities.**
2. **If I were you/ If I were in your place/ If I were in your shoes, I would not trust any one.**
3. **If Mahatma Gandhi were alive today, he would feel sorry for the Congress party.**

**If + Subject + were + object ..., Subject + would + V<sub>b.f</sub> ...**

**Were + Subject + object ..., Subject + would + V<sub>b.f</sub> ...**

**Note:- We can use any other past modal in place of 'would' if required'.  
(अगर जरूरी हो तो हम **would** के स्थान पर कोई और **Past Modal** का भी प्रयोग कर सकते हैं )**

- 4. If I were a bird, I would fly in the sky.**
- 5. If I were the Education Minister, I would bring several reforms.**
- 6. Were I the CSE topper today, I would be on cloud nine.**
- 7. If I were rich, I would help the poor.**
- 8. If I were god, no child would starve.**

**Explanation to sentence 6 → If we remove 'if', 'were' will come at the beginning of the sentence.**

9. I wish I am (1)/ the richest person (2)/ in the whole wide world. (3)/ No error (4).

(SSC Section Officer (Audit), Exam. 10.12.2006)

10. If he is a millionaire (1)/ he would help (2)/ the millennium project. (3)/ No error. (4)

(SSC CPO (SI, ASI & Intelligence Officer Exam. 28.08.2011 (Paper-I))

11. I would (1)/ accept the offer (2)/ if I were you. (3)/ No error. (4)

(SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC Exam. 04.12.2011 (1st Sitting (East Zone))

## Answers

9. (1) Replace 'I am' with 'I were'.

10. (1) For imaginary position, 'were' is used with all subjects.

Hence Replace 'is' with 'were'.

11. (4) No error.

**Answers**

12. If I was he,(1)/ I wouldn't accept (2)/ this project. (3)/ No error.(4)

(SSC Graduate Level Tier-I, Exam. 19.05.2013)

13. If I was he (1)/ I wouldn't (2)/ accept the offer. (3)/ No error (4)

SSC (steno.) 2017, 12 Sept., Morning

14. He commanded me (1)/ as if he was (2)/ my husband. (3)/ No Error (4)

SSC (CPO) Pre- 2017, 2 July, 2018 Evening

12. (1) Replace 'was' with 'were'.

For imaginary position, the structure is

**Rule:** If + subject + were, subject + would + V<sub>b.f</sub>

13. (1) Change 'was' into 'were' because the sentence is related to imaginary state. For imaginary state, we use 'were' with all subjects.

14. (2) For Present Imaginary Position- we use 'were' instead of 'was'.



15. If I was he, (1)/ I wouldn't (2)/ accept this gift. (3)/ No Error (4)

SSC (CPO) Pre- 2017, 6 July, 2018 Evening

16. If I am the P.M. I would ban all processions.

(1) will be

(2) were

(3) am

(4) No improvement

(SSC Tax Assistant (Income Tax & Central Excise) Exam. 05.12.2004)

17. If I was you, I would not sign the document.

(1) If I have been you

(2) If I were you

(3) If I had been you

(4) No improvement

(SSC Multi-Tasking  
(Non-Technical)  
Staff Exam.  
20.02.2011)

## Answers

15. (1) Use 'were' in place of 'was'.

16. (2) Replace 'am' with 'were'.

For imaginary sentence the structure is:

If + Subject + were,  
subject + would + V<sub>b.f.</sub>

17. (2) Replace 'If I was you' with 'If I were you'.

The structure of Imaginary Position is:

If + subject + were,  
Subject + would + V<sub>b.f.</sub>

**Answers**

18. If you were the Prime Minister of India what steps would you have taken to end unemployment ?

- (1) will you take
- (2) will you be taking
- (3) would you take
- (4) No improvement

(SSC CAPFs SI &  
CISF ASI Exam.  
23.06.2013)

19. The Councillor behaves as if he is the Chief minister.

- (1) has been
- (2) were
- (3) No improvement
- (4) was

(SSC CHSL (10+2) LDC, DEO  
& PA/SA Exam, 06.12.2015  
(IInd Sitting) TF No. 3441135)

18. (3) Replace 'would you have taken' with 'would you take'.

The structure is:

If + subject + were, subject + would +  $V_{b.f}$ . Since this is an interrogative sentence, we should put 'would' before the subject.

19. (2) Replace 'he is' with 'he were'.

For imaginary position, the following structure is applicable.

If + subject + were, subject + would +  $V_{b.f}$



## Present Imaginary Possession (काल्पनिक अधिकार)

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If I had money, I would help you.

### Structure

If + Subject + had ( $V_2$ ) + object, Subject + would +  $V_{b.f}$

1. If I had two cars, I would give one to you.
2. If I had surplus money, I would donate it to PM relief fund.
3. If I had a gun, I would shoot you.
4. If I had time, I would cook lunch.
5. If I had wings, I would fly in the sky.

6. If the farmer got a washing machine (1)/ his wife can (2)/ do the laundry quickly (3)/ No error (4)

SSC CGL-2016 (1st September, Afternoon)

### Answers


6. (2) Rule: If 'if clause' is in simple past tense, the general formula we use is:

If + simple past, subject +  
would / could + V<sub>b.f</sub>

Thus replace 'can' with 'could'.

### Structure

**If + Subject + V<sub>2</sub>, Subject + would + V<sub>b.f</sub>**

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- 1. If life existed on other planets, we would see someone or the other for sure.**
  - 2. If I knew how to sing, they would hire me for the Orchestra.**
  - 3. If I bought a Ferrari, he would be green with envy.**
  - 4. If Gurukuls existed now, our children would be more courteous.**
  - 5. If you lived on the Moon, you would weigh 10 kilograms only.**

6. He walks (1)/ as if the earth (2)/ belonged to him. (3)/ No error (4)

(SSC CISF Constable (GD) Exam. 05.06.2011)

7. It is time (1)/ we should have done (2)/ something useful. (3)/ No error (4)

(SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC Exam. 11.12.2011 (IInd Sitting (East Zone)

8. If I dyed my hair green, everybody will laugh at me.

- (1) would            (2) did  
(3) may              (4) No improvement

(SSC Section Officer (Commercial Audit) Exam. 25.09.2005)

## Answers

6. (4) No error.

If 'as if' is followed by total unrealistic action, it is in 'S + V<sub>2</sub>' form.

7. (2) Replace 'should have done' with 'did'. It's time is followed by 'V<sub>2</sub>' .

8. (1) Replace 'will' with 'would'.

The structure is –

If + Simple Past, Subject + Would + V<sub>b.f.</sub>

9. Mary would not go to the market unless I

go with her.

- (1) shall go
- (2) went
- (3) would go
- (4) No improvement.

(SSC (10+2) Level Data  
Entry Operator & LDC  
Exam. 04.12.2011  
(North Zone) Ist Sitting

10. I wish I knew what is wrong with my car.

- (1) I wish I knew what was wrong with my car.
- (2) I wish I had known what is wrong with my car.
- (3) I wish I know what is wrong with my car.
- (4) No improvement

(SSC Graduate Level Tier-I Exam. 19.05.2013)

### Answers

9. (2) Replace 'go' with 'went'.

The structure here is –

If + Subject +  $V_2$ ,  
Subject + Would +  $V_{b.f}$

10. (4) This is a sentence expressing a wish and an action of present. So 'knew' ( $V_2$ ) for wish and 'is wrong' for present state should come.

If is also called past unfulfilled action. It is a closed case as the action is not possible now. It comes in type 3.



### Structure

If + Subject + had + V<sub>3</sub>, Subject + would have + V<sub>3</sub>

Had + Subject + V<sub>3</sub>, Subject + would have + V<sub>3</sub>

**Note:-** We can use any other past modal in place of 'would' if required'.  
(अगर जरूरी हो तो हम would के स्थान पर कोई और Past Modal का भी प्रयोग कर सकते हैं )

**Eg:-** 1. If I had seen him, I would have stopped my car.

**Means:-** मैंने उसे नहीं देखा। अतः मैंने गाड़ी नहीं रोकी। (पुरा वाक्य Past Unfulfilled action है।)

**सम्पूर्ण अर्थ:-** अगर मैंने उसे देखा होता तो मैंने गाड़ी रोक दी होती।

2. If she had come late, she would not have got the permission to take the exam.



- 1. If I had gone to Delhi, I would have got infected.**
- 2. If I had got a chance to meet the super star, I would have been very happy.**
- 3. If he had given up smoking, he would not have died at such a young age.**
- 4. Had luck favoured me, I would have become an IAS officer.**
- 5. If we had had Dhoni in our team, we would have won the match.**

**Answers**

6. John would have told (1)/you the truth (2)/ if you had asked him. (3)/ No Error. (4)

(SSC Tax Assistant (Income Tax & Central Excise) Exam. 05.12.2004)

7. Had you (1)/ worked hard (2)/ you will have passed. (3)/ No error (4)  
(SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry

Operator & LDC Exam. 04.12.2011  
(IInd Sitting (North Zone))

8. If he had walked (1)/ fast enough (2)/ he will get the bus. (3)/ No error (4)

(SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry  
Operator & LDC Exam. 04.11.2012  
(2nd Sitting))

6. (4) No error

The rule applicable here is

If + subject + had, subject + would + have +  $V_3$ .

7. (3) Change 'will have' into 'would have'. The sentence fits in the formula given below.

If + subject + had, subject + would + have +  $V_3$ .

8. (3) Replace 'will get' with 'would have got'.

The formula applicable here is:

Rule: If + subject + had, Subject + would + have +  $V_3$ .

**Answers**

9. If she had seen (1)/ the car coming, she (2)/ may not crossed the road. (3)/ No error.(4)

(SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC Exam.  
16.11.2014, IInd Sitting TF No. 545 QP 6)

10. If I had remembered (1)/ this it will have (2)/ prevented some mistakes. (3)/ No error (4)

SSC CHSL-2016 21th Jan, Evening

11. Had I been (1) / in my brother's position (2) / I would have refused the offer. (3) / No Error (4)

SSC CGL-2016 (8th September, Afternoon)

9. (3) Replace 'may not crossed' with 'might/ would not have crossed'.

10. (2) The correct formula is-

If + had +  $V_3$ , Sub + would + have +  $V_3$

Hence replace 'will' with 'would'.

11. (4) "Had +subject +  $V_3$ ", Subject + would + have +  $V_3$  is the formula if we remove 'if' from a conditional sentence.

12. If you have studied hard, you would have got a first class.
- (1) If you studied hard.
  - (2) If you had studied hard.
  - (3) If you would study hard.
  - (4) No improvement.

(SSC Section Officer (Commercial Audit) Exam. 26.11.2006)

13. If I had followed your advice, I would not regret today.
- (1) will not regret
  - (2) had not regretted
  - (3) would not have regretted
  - (4) No improvement

(SSC Section Officer (Audit) Exam. 30.10.2008)

## Answers

12. (2) Replace 'If you have studied hard' with 'If you had studied hard'. Structure – If + Sub + had + V<sub>3</sub>, S + would have + V<sub>3</sub>.
13. (3) Replace 'would not regret' with 'would not have regretted'.  
The formula fits here is:  
If + subject + had + V<sub>3</sub>, Subject + would + have + V<sub>3</sub>

**Answers**

14. If I had played well, I would have won the match.

- (1) I played well
- (2) I play well
- (3) I am playing will
- (4) No improvement

(SSC Combined  
Graduate Level  
Tier-I Exam.  
16.05.2010  
(Second Sitting))

15. If I hadn't seen the car coming, I might have been killed.

- (1) If I had seen the car coming
- (2) When I hadn't seen the car coming
- (3) Since I hadn't seen the car coming
- (4) No improvement

(SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC  
Exam. 11.12.2011 (IInd Sitting (East Zone)))

14. (4) No improvement

15. (4) No improvement

Here 'would' is replaced by 'might' because were possibility can be expressed here.

**Answers**

16. If I had gone to Mumbai, I would surely bring your books.

- (1) would have surely brought
- (2) could have surely brought
- (3) might have brought
- (4) No improvement

(SSC (10+2) Level  
Data Entry  
Operator  
& LDC Exam.  
21.10.2012 (IInd  
Sitting)

17. If I had the money I would have bought the house.

- (1) If I have had the money I would have bought the house.
- (2) If I had had the money I would have bought the house,
- (3) If I have the money I would have bought the house.
- (4) No improvement

(SSC Graduate Level Tier-I Exam. 19.05.2013)

16. (1) Replace 'would surely bring' with 'would have surely brought'

The formula here is:

If + subject + had +  $V_3$ , subject + would + have +  $V_3$

17. (2) Here 'If I had had money, I would have bought the house' should be used as the structure is :

If + sub + had +  $V_3$ , Sub + would have +  $V_3$ .

## Type 1 Conditional Sentences



अगर मैं आऊँगा तो आप से मिलूँगा।

1<sup>st</sup> Action  
of Future

2<sup>nd</sup> Action  
of Future

2<sup>nd</sup> depends  
on 1<sup>st</sup>

1st action will be in  
Simple Present Tense.  
(1st action Simple  
Present Tense में होगा)

2<sup>nd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> पर निर्भर

2nd action will be in  
Simple Future  
Tense (2nd action Simple  
Future Tense में होगा)

If I come, I will meet you

**Answers**

1. Unless (1)/ you will study hard (2)/ you cannot pass. (3)/ No error (4).

(SSC Higher Secondary Level Data Entry Operator & LDC Exam. 27.11.2010)

2. He will tell you (1)/ about it when (2)/ he will come back. (3)/ No error (4)

(SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC Exam. 11.12.2011 (IInd Sitting (East Zone)

3. We shall (1)/go out (2)/if it does not rains. (3)/ No Error (4)

(SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC Exam. 21.10.2012 (2nd Sitting)

1. (2) Replace 'will'. The 1st action of conditional sentence is Simple Present Tense.
2. (3) Replace 'will come' with 'comes'.  
The given sentence is a conditional sentence and the formula applicable here is If + Simple Present, Simple Future.
3. (3) After 'do/ does' first form of verb ( $V_1$ ) comes.  
Hence replace 'rains' with 'rain'.



**Answers**

4. We shall wait (1)/ till you (2)/ will finish your lunch. (3)/ No error. (4)

(SSC Multi-Tasking Staff Exam. 17.03.2013, 1st Sitting)

5. If I will play my best I can win any day against anybody.

(SSC Constable (GD) Exam, 04.10.2015, 1st Sitting)

- (1) against anybody  
(2) I can win any day  
(3) No error  
(4) If I will play my best

6. If you will finish your homework I (1)/ will give you (2)/ an ice-cream. (3)/ No Error (4)

SSC (CPO) Pre- 2017, 2 July, 2018 Evening

7. We will rest(1)/for sometime when (2)/we will reach the top(3)/No error(4).

SSC PRE – 2018, 6th June, 2019 Evening

4. (3) Replace 'will finish' with 'finish'.  
5. (4) Replace 'will'.  
6. (1) Correct formation–  
If + sub + V<sub>1</sub> + obj + S<sub>2</sub> +  
will/shall + V<sub>1</sub> + obj.  
Remove 'will'.  
7. (3) 1st action will be in Simple Present Tense. 'When' will be followed by Simple Present Tense.

8. He will revise it when he is comes back.

- (1) when he come back
- (2) on coming back
- (3) when he came back
- (4) No improvement

(SSC CAPFs SI, CISF ASI  
& Delhi Police SI Exam.  
22.06.2014)

9. If he has time he will telephone.

- (1) could
- (2) might
- (3) would
- (4) No improvement

(SSC CGL Tier-I Exam, 09.08.2015  
(IInd Sitting) TF No. 4239378)

## Answers

- 8. (2) Replace 'when he is comes back' with 'on coming back'. All the rest options are wrong.
- 9. (4) No improvement

**Answers**

10. If I **will get** an opportunity, I shall attend the seminar.

- (1) get (2) got  
(3) No Improvement (4) shall get

(SSC CGL Tier-I Exam, 16.08.2015  
(1st Sitting) TF No. 3196279)

11. Be quick **otherwise you would** miss the train.

- (1) otherwise you could have  
(2) No Improvement  
(3) otherwise you will  
(4) otherwise you will have

(SSC CHSL (10+2) LDC, DEO  
& PA/SA Exam, 06.12.2015  
(1st Sitting) TF No. 1375232)

10. (1) Replace 'will get' with 'get'.  
The structure here is:  
If + Simple Present Tense,  
Simple Future Tense.

11. (3) The structure suggests that  
Simple Future Tense should be  
used here. Replace 'otherwise  
you would' with 'otherwise you  
will'.

- ★ 1. (i) But for your help, I would have failed.  
(ii) But for his timely arrival, the patient would have died.
- Here 'but for' means 'without'. ('But for' का अर्थ है 'के बिना')
  - Here the sentences are of past hence the Principal Clause is 'Subject + Would have + V<sub>3</sub>'.  
(यहाँ वाक्य Past के हैं अतः Principal Clause 'Subject + Would have + V<sub>3</sub>' होगा।)
2. If I were an Englishman, I would have got this job.
3. If you had not helped me, I wouldn't be alive today.

Sentences 2 and 3 are of mixed category.

## Explanation to Sentence 2:

**Sub-ordinate  
Clause**

**If I were an Englishman** → Present Imaginary post.

'If + Subject + were +  
object

**Principal  
Clause**

**I would have got this job** → Past unfulfilled action.

'Subject + would have  
V<sub>3</sub> + object

### Explanation to Sentence 3:

**Sub-ordinate  
Clause**

**If you had not helped me** → Past unfulfilled action.

'If + Subject + had + V<sub>3</sub>  
+ object

**Principal  
Clause**

**I wouldn't be alive today** → Present Imaginary post.

'If + Subject + Would +  
be + object

## Answers

1. If the car hadn't broken down we will be at the office now.

- (1) If the car
- (2) we will be
- (3) hadn't broken down
- (4) at the office

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12 March, 2019 Evening

1. (2) Replace 'will be' with 'would be'. This is an example of mixed category.

- ★ 1. I will go to office after I have finished the household chores.
2. We will come to know the truth after the investigation has finished.

**Explanation to Sentences 1 and 2:**

When the 2<sup>nd</sup> action takes place after the 1<sup>st</sup> action has finished, we can use 'Present Perfect' in place of 'Simple Present Tense' in the Subordinate Clause. Here the completion of 1<sup>st</sup> action is emphasised.

(जब 1<sup>st</sup> action के पूर्ण होने पर जोर दिया जाए तो हम 1<sup>st</sup> action में Simple Present के स्थान पर Present Perfect Tense का प्रयोग कर सकते हैं।)



## Answers

1. After the letter reached me, I shall know the result.
- (1) After the letter reach
  - (2) After the letter will reach
  - (3) After the letter has reached
  - (4) No improvement

(SSC Section Officer  
(Audit) Exam.  
06.01.2008)

2. (3) Replace 'after the letter reached' with 'After the letter has reached'. Here we emphasise the completion of an action.

★ Present Conditional Sentences सीधे-सीधे translate किये जा सकते हैं।

1. If we heat ice, it turns into water. (This sentence is of Universal truth. It comes in type zero conditional sentences.)  
अगर हम बर्फ गर्म करते हैं तो वह पानी बन जाता है। (ये वाक्य सार्वभौमिक सत्य का है। ये Type Zero में आता है)
2. अगर मैं दिल्ली आता हूँ तो आप से मिलता हूँ।  
**If I come to Delhi, I meet you.**
3. अगर तुम मेरा इंतजार कर रहे हो, तो कल आओ।  
**If you are waiting for me, come tomorrow.**
4. अगर तुम काम खत्म कर चुके हो, तो तुम घर जा सकते हो।  
**If you have finished the work, you may go home.**
5. अगर वो एक घंटे से सो रहा है, तो मैं उसे तंग नहीं करूँगी।  
**If he has been sleeping for an hour, I will not disturb him.**

<b>Conditional Sentence Type</b>	<b>Usage</b>	<b>If clause verb tense</b>
<b>Zero</b>	<b>General truths</b>	<b>Simple Present</b>
<b>Type 1</b>	<b>A possible condition and its probable result</b>	<b>Simple Present</b>
<b>Type 2</b>	<b>A hypothetical conditional and its probable result</b>	<b>Simple Past</b>
<b>Type 3</b>	<b>An unreal past condition and its probable result in the past</b>	<b>Past Perfect</b>