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Conditionals: zero, first, second, third and mixed

Grammar worksheet · Ficha de gramática inglesa: las oraciones condicionales (zero, first, second, third y mixtas)

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5. If I see your brother, I'll say hello. (first / zero)

2 Complete with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Escriben los dos verbos en el tiempo que pide cada condicional: las expresiones de tiempo (tomorrow, yesterday, now, always) y la frase de contexto dan la pista.

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5 Finish the sentences about you. Use a different conditional in each one.

Terminan las frases sobre su vida con un condicional distinto en cada una (también un mixto y una inversión).

If I hadn't started learning English, I _____

If I were _____ , I would

Unless _____ ,

Had I _____ ,

_____

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Respuesta libre. Ejemplo: If I hadn't started learning English, I wouldn't understand my favourite songs. If I were a famous chef, I would open a restaurant by the sea. Unless it rains, I will go cycling on Saturday. Had I known about the concert, I would have bought tickets.