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Conditionals: zero, first, second, third and mixed

Grammar worksheet · Gramática en inglés americano: las oraciones condicionales (zero, first, second, third y mixtas)

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1 Zero, first, second or third? Circle the type of conditional.

Encierran en un círculo el tipo de condicional según los tiempos verbales de cada parte.

1. If it gets dark, the street lights come on. (second / zero)
2. If you touch this plant, its leaves close. (zero / first)
3. If you don't wear a coat, you'll be cold. (first / zero)
4. If you met a ghost, would you run? (first / second)
5. If it had snowed, would you have stayed? (second / third)

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.

1. If you _____ (be) more careful yesterday, you _____ (not break) the vase.
2. It's very unlikely, but what _____ (you / do) if you _____ (find) a wallet on the street?
3. If you _____ (heat) chocolate, it always _____ (melt).
4. It might rain tomorrow. If it _____ (rain), we _____ (play) indoors.
5. If he _____ (study) more last year, he _____ (be) in college now.

3 Write a mixed conditional for each situation. Start with If.

Escriben una condicional mixta: un pasado distinto con un resultado en el presente, o un presente distinto con un resultado en el pasado.

Example: I didn't eat, so I'm hungry now. → If I had eaten, I wouldn't be hungry now.

1. He doesn't know Madrid well, so he got lost.
   → _____
2. You didn't water the plants, so they're dry.
   → _____
3. We don't have a yard, so we didn't get a dog.
   → _____
4. I didn't save money, so I can't buy the sneakers.
   → _____
5. My grandparents didn't keep their old photos, so we can't see them.
   → _____

4 Correct the mistakes.

Cada frase tiene un error típico al combinar los tiempos. La escriben bien en la línea.

1. If it snows, we would build a snowman.

   → _____

2. If she had remembered, she would had called.

   → _____

3. If I had slept more, I would have been less tired now.

   → _____

4. Unless you don't hurry, we will be late.

   → _____

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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 favorite 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.