

Inverted Conditionals

Formal conditionals without 'if': had/were/should

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DATE _____

KEY RULE:

Inverted conditionals drop 'if' and move aux before subject.

1 Type 1 Inversion with Should

EASY

Choose the correct inverted conditional.

Word bank: Should you / Should any

1. ____ you need help, call me.

2. ____ any problems arise, contact.

3. ____ they agree, we proceed.

4. ____ she change her mind, inform.

5. ____ the plan fail, try again.

6. ____ we need more data, request.

7. ____ he be interested, show him.

8. ____ the team be available, call.

9. ____ costs increase, adjust budget.

10. ____ you wish to leave, go now.

2 Type 2 Inversion with Were

MEDIUM

Complete with the correct were-inversion.

Word bank: Were I / Were it not for / Were she

1. ____ I you, I'd apologise now.

2. ____ it not for rain, we'd go.

3. ____ she here, she'd be proud.

4. ____ he the manager, he'd act.

5. ____ it possible, I'd help more.

6. ____ they to refuse, we'd leave.

7. ____ I in your shoes, I'd quit.

8. ____ this true, it'd be shocking.

9. ____ she aware, she'd object.

10. ____ I free this weekend, I'd come.

3 Type 3 Inversion with Had

HARD

Complete with the correct had-inversion.

Word bank: Had she / Had we not

1. ____ she earlier, she'd have seen.

2. ____ we known, we'd have acted.

3. ____ they prepared, they'd have won.

4. ____ he studied, he'd have passed.

5. ____ I listened, I'd have known.

6. ____ we not acted, it'd be worse.

7. ____ she been told, she'd left.

8. ____ they checked, errors avoided.

9. ____ he agreed, plan would've worked.

10. ____ I refused, outcome different.

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Rewrite Conditional**VERY HARD**

Rewrite using an inverted conditional.

1. If you need help, call me.

3. If they had known, they'd acted.

5. If she changes mind, let me know.

7. If he were here, he'd be proud.

9. If they had checked, no errors.

2. If I were you, I'd apologise.

4. If it weren't for you, I'd fail.

6. If we had prepared, we'd have won.

8. If problems arise, contact us.

10. If it were possible, I'd help.

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 Type 1 Inversion with Should

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Should you | 6 Should we |
| 2 Should any | 7 Should he |
| 3 Should they | 8 Should the team |
| 4 Should she | 9 Should costs |
| 5 Should the plan | 10 Should you wish |

2 Exercise 2 Type 2 Inversion with Were

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| 1 Were I | 6 Were they |
| 2 Were it not for | 7 Were I |
| 3 Were she | 8 Were this |
| 4 Were he | 9 Were she |
| 5 Were it | 10 Were I |

3 Exercise 3 Type 3 Inversion with Had

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| 1 Had she arrived earlier | 6 Had we not acted |
| 2 Had we known | 7 Had she been told |
| 3 Had they prepared | 8 Had they checked |
| 4 Had he studied | 9 Had he agreed |
| 5 Had I listened | 10 Had I refused |

4 Exercise 4 Rewrite Conditional

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| 1 Should you need help, call me. | 6 Had we prepared, we'd have won. |
| 2 Were I you, I'd apologise. | 7 Were he here, he'd be proud. |
| 3 Had they known, they'd have acted. | 8 Should any problems arise, contact us. |
| 4 Were it not for you, I'd fail. | 9 Had they checked, there would have been no errors. |
| 5 Should she change her mind, let me know. | 10 Were it possible, I'd help. |