



B1 Travelling Conditionals



EXERCISE 1 LOOK AT THE PICTURES BELOW AND GUESS WHAT THE STORY YOU ARE ABOUT TO READ IS ABOUT.



EXERCISE 2 READ THE STORY AND CHECK IF YOUR PREDICTIONS WERE CORRECT.

If you are anything like me, you love to travel. If I had the time and money, I'd travel to a new place every month. Last year I saved up enough money and went on my first solo trip to Portugal. Even though I planned everything to the last detail, things didn't go exactly as planned...

On the first day, my flight was delayed which caused me to miss my connecting flight. I was stuck at the airport for one full day without knowing what to do. I checked other connections and if they hadn't been so expensive, I'd have continued travelling in a different way. If I had purchased travel insurance, it'd have covered my rebooking expenses. Next time I travel, I'll definitely invest in it.

After a night at the airport, I finally booked another flight. However, this caused me to miss out on a tour to Sintra that I'd booked. If I'd planned a more flexible trip, I'd have been able to rearrange my plans. Maybe next time I visit Portugal, I'll be able to go to that place.

When I finally arrived in Lisbon, I found that my accommodation wasn't what I'd expected... The room was dirty, the bed was uncomfortable, and there was no hot water. I should've read the reviews if I'd wanted to avoid this unpleasant experience. If everything on the Internet were real, the world would be a much better place!

Despite all the problems, I didn't give up. I adjusted my plans and tried new things. I even made a few new friends. If I had been able to speak Portuguese, I'd have met many more people, though. I'll definitely invest in learning languages if I want to speak to more people from different countries.

Travelling solo isn't easy, but it's worth it. If it was easy, many people wouldn't be so afraid to do it.



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EXERCISE 3 READ THE STORY AGAIN AND DECIDE WHICH OF THE SENTENCES BELOW IS TRUE AND WHICH IS FALSE.

A - He travels frequently.
B - He doesn't travel frequently.

A - He bought travel insurance.
B - He didn't buy travel insurance.

A - He will buy travel insurance in the future.
B - He won't buy travel insurance in the future.

A - He went to Sintra.
B - He didn't go to Sintra.

A - The hotel room was better than he'd expected.

B - The hotel room was worse than he'd expected.

A - He is thinking of learning a new language.

B - He isn't thinking of learning a new language.

A - Many people travel alone because it's simple.

B - Not many people travel alone because they are scared to do it.

EXERCISE 4 READ THE TEXT IN EXERCISE 2 AGAIN. FIND ONE EXAMPLE OF A TYPE 0, TYPE 1, TYPE 2 AND TYPE 3 CONDITIONAL. WRITE THEM DOWN.

TYPE 0
If + _____, _____

TYPE 1
If + _____, _____

TYPE 2
If + _____, _____

TYPE 3
If + _____, _____

ANALYSE THE STRUCTURE OF EACH CONDITIONAL AND WRITE IT BELOW.



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EXERCISE 5 READ THE SENTENCES AND MATCH THEM WITH THE RIGHT CONDITIONAL.

1. If you are anything like me, you love to travel.
2. I'll definitely invest in learning languages if I want to speak to more people from different countries.
3. If everything on the Internet were real, the world would be a much better place!
4. If I had been able to speak Portuguese, I'd have met many more people.

- A. This sentence talks about an unrealistic present/future situation.
- B. This sentence talks about a general truth.
- C. This sentence talks about a hypothetical past situation.
- D. This talks about a future possible situation.

EXERCISE 6 COMPLETE THE SENTENCES USING THE FIRST, SECOND OR THIRD CONDITIONAL.

1. We missed our flight. If we _____ (leave) the house earlier, we _____ (catch) our flight.
2. Can you check the weather forecast? If it _____ (rain), we _____ (not go) to the beach.
3. I think we should leave the house a bit earlier. If we _____ (arrive) early, we _____ (have) time to explore the city before dinner.
4. I wish I was richer. I _____ (travel) to Europe every year if I _____ (have) more money.
5. I couldn't find the hotel. I _____ (find) my way more easily if I _____ (take) my phone.
6. We work too much! If we _____ (have) more time, we _____ (travel) to all the cities on our list.
7. I'd love to work abroad. If I _____ (speak) French fluently, I _____ (apply) for a job in Paris.
8. I'm not sure how long the tour around town is. If I _____ (have) time, I _____ (visit) the art museum.



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EXERCISE 7 READ ANOTHER TRAVEL STORY AND COMPLETE THE TEXT WITH THE CONDITIONALS.

Samantha had been to many different countries and had countless wonderful experiences. If she _____ (can), she _____ (travel) all the time. However, on her most recent trip, things didn't quite go according to plan.

Everything was fine until she arrived at her destination and found that her luggage was missing. If she _____ (pack) some essentials in her carry-on bag, she _____ (be able to) manage until her luggage was found. After several hours of waiting, Samantha finally received her luggage.

When she got to the hotel, she was told that her hotel reservation had been cancelled due to a payment error. If she _____ (double-check) her reservation before leaving, she _____ (avoid) this issue. She managed to book a different hotel, but it wasn't as nice as the one she had originally booked. She _____ (not able to) book a new place if she _____ (buy) roaming.

Despite all the problems, Samantha wanted to enjoy her trip. She found a new tour and made friends with some of the other travellers. If she _____ (not go) on this trip, she _____ (not meet) Stine. Now she knows that whenever she _____ (go) to Denmark, she _____ (stay) with Stine. She has always wanted to go there and even move there. If she _____ (speak) Danish, she _____ (apply) for a job over there.

In the end, Samantha learned that travel isn't always smooth sailing. Next time she _____ (travel), she _____ (expect) the unexpected.

EXERCISE 8 THINK ABOUT YOUR LAST TRIP AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW.

1. Where did you go?
2. What happened?
3. What did you do?
4. How did it affect your trip?
5. What did you learn from that mistake?
6. How can you avoid this mistake in the future?

Teacher's notes

Exercise 1. Lead-in 4 mins

As a group, look at the three pictures and predict what the story you are going to read is about. Elicit some answers from different people.

Exercise 2. Reading for gist 6 mins

Students read the story individually. Ask some students to retell it in their own words. Check if their predictions were correct.

Exercise 3. Grammar introduction 5 mins

Students look at the set of sentences and decide which one of them is true and which one is false. Justify each choice by finding answers from the text. Ask students to retell the sentences in their own words.

Answers (True sentences only):

B - He doesn't travel frequently. (If I had the time and money, I'd travel to a new place every month.)

B - He didn't buy travel insurance. (If I had purchased travel insurance, it'd have covered my rebooking expenses.)

A - He will buy travel insurance in the future. (Next time I travel, I'll definitely invest in it.)

B - He didn't go to Sintra. (If I'd planned a more flexible trip, I'd have been able to rearrange my plans. Maybe next time I visit Portugal, I'll be able to go to that place.)

B - The hotel room was worse than he'd expected. (I should've read the reviews if I'd wanted to avoid this unpleasant experience.)

A - He is thinking of learning a new language. (I'll definitely invest in learning languages if I want to speak to more people from different countries.)

B - Not many people travel alone because they are scared to do it. (If it was easy, many people wouldn't be so afraid to do it.)

Exercise 4. Grammar analysis 1 5 mins

Read the text again and find one example of type 0, type 1, type 2 and type 3 conditionals. Write them down and analyse their structure.

Suggested answers:

Type 0: If you are anything like me, you love to travel. (If + Present Simple, Present Simple)

Type 1: Next time I travel, I'll definitely invest in it. (If + Present Simple, will + infinitive)

Type 2: If I had the time and money, I'd travel to a new place every month. (If + Past Simple, would + infinitive)

Type 3: If I had purchased travel insurance, it'd have covered my rebooking expenses. (If + Past Perfect, would have + past participle)

Exercise 5. Grammar analysis 2 4 mins

Read the sentences from the text and match them with the use. Elicit the name of each conditional.

Answers:

1.B (Type 0), 2.D (Type 1), 3.A (Type 2), 4.C (Type 3)

Exercise 6. Grammar practice 1 5 mins

Students work individually and complete the sentences with the correct conditional. Name the type of each conditional.

Answers:

1. had left / would have caught (type 3)

2. rains / won't go (type 1)

3. arrive / will have (type 1)

4. would travel / had (type 2)

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5. *would have found / had taken (type 3)*
6. *had / would travel (type 2)*
7. *spoke / would apply (type 2)*
8. *have / will visit (type 1)*

Exercise 7. Grammar practice 2

5 mins

Read another travel story and fill in the gaps with the correct conditional type. This activity serves as an example of the freer speaking activity at the end of the lesson.

Answers:

1. *could / would travel*
2. *had packed / would have been able to*
3. *had double-checked / would have avoided*
4. *wouldn't have been able to / hadn't bought*
5. *hadn't gone / wouldn't have met*
6. *goes / will stay (can stay)*
7. *spoke / would apply*
8. *travels / will expect*

Exercise 8. Freer speaking practice

8 mins

Students think about their past trips and talk about what happened and how it could have been avoided. Discuss ways in which they can avoid these situations in the future.

Error corrections

3 mins

Provide speaking feedback.