

Let's Practice, in Context: Conditional Tenses

Fill in the blanks with the Zero, First, and Second Conditionals!

A Day at Greenfield Farm

Every morning at Greenfield Farm is busy. The farmer, Mr. Brown, believes that if you _____ (wake up) early, you _____ (have) more time to enjoy the day. His wife always says that if the cows _____ (not eat) well, they _____ (produce) less milk.

Today, the sky looks gray. Mr. Brown thinks, "If it _____ (rain), we _____ (stay) inside and clean the barn." But the sun peeks out, so he decides to work outside instead.

The children are excited. They say, "If we _____ (finish) our chores quickly, we _____ (go) swimming in the pond."

Their neighbor, Tom, watches them and laughs. "If I _____ (be) younger," he says, "I _____ (join) you!"

While feeding the chickens, little Amy asks, "Dad, what _____ (happen) if we _____ (not give) them water?"

"They _____ (stop) laying eggs," he replies.

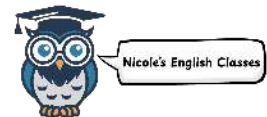
Later, Mrs. Brown checks the vegetable garden. She knows that if she _____ (not water) the plants, they _____ (die).



After lunch, Mr. Brown tells his son, "If you _____ (help) me repair the fence, I _____ (let) you ride the horse later."

The boy smiles. "If I _____ (be) taller, I _____ (ride) her alone already!"

As the sun sets, they all relax on the porch. Mrs. Brown smiles, "If every day _____ (be) like this, we _____ (be) very lucky."



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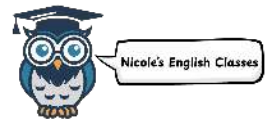
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(leave) the house earlier, I _____ (catch) the 7:30 train."

Now she's running. "If I _____ (not make) it in time," she sighs, "I _____ (be) late for
my interview."

At the station, the train doors close right in front of her. The guard says, "If you _____
(run) just a little faster, you _____ (catch) it."

Lucy sits on a bench. "If I _____ (not stop) to make coffee, I _____ (made) that train."

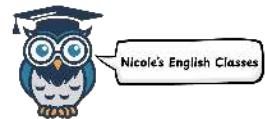
She checks the schedule. "If the next one _____ (arrive) soon, I _____ (still make) it
to the office."

Her phone buzzes—it's her friend Emma. "If you _____ (need) a ride," Emma texts, "I
_____ (come) get you."

Lucy smiles. "If she _____ (pick) me up, I _____ (arrive) on time!"

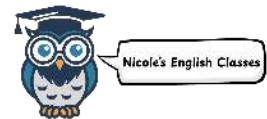
Traffic is heavy, though. "If there _____ (not be) so many cars, we _____ (get) there
faster."

The manager greets her kindly. "If you _____ (explain) what happened, we _____
(understand)."



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If Only We Knew

Every weekend, Mark and his friends go hiking. They believe that **if you _____ (spend) time outdoors, you _____ (feel) happier.**

Last Saturday, though, things didn't go as planned. The weather was awful. Mark said, **"If it _____ (not rain), we _____ (climb) the mountain."**

His friend Julia replied, **"If we _____ (check) the forecast last night, we _____ (bring) raincoats."**

While they waited in the car, Julia sighed, **"If I _____ (be) home right now, I _____ (watch) a movie."**

Their friend Leo laughed. **"If you _____ (stay) home every weekend, you _____ (miss) all the fun."**

They finally started walking once the rain stopped. **"If the sun _____ (come) out soon, we _____ (see) the rainbow,"** said Mark.

The trail was muddy, and Julia slipped. **"If you _____ (be) more careful, you _____ (not fall)!"** Leo teased.

Julia frowned. **"If I _____ (wear) my boots instead of sneakers, this _____ (not happen)."**



At lunchtime, they found a dry spot. Mark said, "If we _____ (not forget) the sandwiches, we _____ (eat) now."

Leo offered snacks. "If you _____ (want), you _____ (have) some chips."

After eating, they rested under a tree. Julia wondered, "If we _____ (hike) every weekend, we _____ (be) really fit."

Mark agreed. "If I _____ (not love) hiking, I _____ (stay) home on rainy days!"

Later, they got lost for a moment. "If we _____ (bring) a map, we _____ (not wander) off the trail," said Leo.

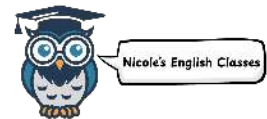
Julia laughed, "If I _____ (be) a better navigator, we _____ (arrive) already!"

Eventually, they found the car. Mark sighed, "If this day _____ (not be) so crazy, it _____ (not be) so fun either."

That night, Julia told her mom, "If I _____ (tell) you how much it rained, you _____ (not believe) me!"

Her mom smiled. "Well, if you _____ (learn) your lesson, you _____ (check) the weather next time."

Julia laughed. "If it _____ (rain) again next week, we _____ (go) camping anyway!"



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