

The Conditional

A Choose the correct answer.

- If Tom comes to town, we him.
 - visit
 - visited
 - will visit
- If they had known he was in trouble, they him.
 - would have helped
 - would help
 - will help
- He'll fix the machine after he the instructions.
 - will read
 - has read
 - read
- If walls could talk, they many secrets.
 - would tell
 - would have told
 - told
- As soon as he, he will look for a job.
 - will graduate
 - graduates
 - may graduate
- I won't be able to travel unless I some money.
 - will save
 - save
 - saved

B Match I to II to form sentences.

- I
- If he had a lot of money,
 - I wouldn't eat that
 - If I had known you were ill,
 - Mark wouldn't be so tired
 - If I get the opportunity,
 - They will play tennis this afternoon

- II
- unless it rains.
 - he would rent a bigger flat.
 - I'll travel all over the world.
 - if he didn't have so much work.
 - I would have called.
 - if I were you.

C Complete each sentence with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- He'll call us before he (leave).
- you (go) to the party if he had asked you?
- If the phone rings, I (answer) it.
- You would feel better if you (eat) healthier food.
- Her parents (not be) angry if she had called.
- If I had more free time, I (exercise) more often.
- As soon as the guests (arrive), we'll begin the lecture.
- They won't be able to hear you unless you (speak) louder.

D Complete the passage with the words below.

when ■ had ■ hadn't ■ were ■ would ■ if ■ will ■ should ■ have ■ could

My wife and I seldom travel. In fact, if we ¹..... received a wedding invitation from family in Cape Town, we wouldn't ²..... thought of travelling. But my wife was very excited. "Let's make a holiday of it," she suggested. "³..... we go, we ⁴..... do some touring." And that is what we did. If you have the opportunity, you ⁵..... travel to South Africa. You can rent a car ⁶..... you're there, but if I ⁷..... you, I would also include a train trip. Our relatives suggested that we take the famous Blue Train for the journey north. If we ⁸..... stuck to our original plan, we ⁹..... have missed this wonderful experience. The Blue Train travels from Cape Town to Zimbabwe. It has luxurious compartments, private bathrooms and wonderful food. If you decide to take the train, you ¹⁰..... have the pleasure of seeing wonderful scenery while relaxing in a luxury hotel on wheels.

The Conditional – Answers

- A** 1. c 3. b 5. b
2. a 4. a 6. b

- B** 1. b 4. d
2. f 5. c
3. e 6. a

- C** 1. leaves
2. Would ... have gone
3. will answer
4. ate
5. wouldn't have been
6. would exercise / could exercise
7. arrive
8. speak

- D** 1. hadn't 6. when
2. have 7. were
3. If 8. had
4. could 9. would
5. should 10. will