

# if-clauses EXERCISES

## I. Put the verb into the correct form.

- 1 If I \_\_\_\_\_ his number, I would phone him. (know)
- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ that coat if I were you. (not/buy)
- 3 I \_\_\_\_\_ you if I could, but I'm afraid I can't. (help)
- 4 We would need a car if we \_\_\_\_\_ in the country. (live)
- 5 If we had the choice, we \_\_\_\_\_ in the country. (live)
- 6 This soup isn't very good. It \_\_\_\_\_ better if it wasn't so salty. (taste)
- 7 I wouldn't mind living in England if the weather \_\_\_\_\_ better. (be)
- 8 If I were you, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/wait). I \_\_\_\_\_ now. (go)
- 9 You're always tired. If you \_\_\_\_\_ to bed so late every night, you wouldn't be tired all the time. (not/go)
- 10 I think there are too many cars. If there \_\_\_\_\_ so many cars (not/be), there \_\_\_\_\_ so much pollution, (not/be)

## II. Write a sentence with "If..." for each situation.

- 1 We don't visit you very often because you live so far away.  
If you didn't live so far away, we'd (= we would) visit you more often.
- 2 He doesn't speak very clearly - that's why people don't understand him.  
If he \_\_\_\_\_ more \_\_\_\_\_, people \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 That book is too expensive, so I'm not going to buy it.  
If the book \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 We don't go out very often because we can't afford it.  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 It's raining, so we can't have lunch in the garden.  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 I have to work tomorrow evening, so I can't meet you.  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## III. Put the verb into the correct form.

- 1 I didn't know you were in hospital. If \_\_\_\_\_ (know) I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to visit you.
- 2 Ken got to the station in time to catch his train. If \_\_\_\_\_ (he/miss) it, (he/be) \_\_\_\_\_ late for his interview.
- 3 It's good that you reminded me about Ann's birthday. \_\_\_\_\_ (I/forget) if \_\_\_\_\_ (you/not/remind) me.
- 4 Unfortunately, I didn't have my address book with me when I was in New York. If \_\_\_\_\_

(I/have) your address, \_\_\_\_\_ (I/send) you a postcard.

5 A: How was your holiday? Did you have a nice time?

B: It was OK, but \_\_\_\_\_ (we/enjoy) it more if \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (the weather/be) better.

6 I took a taxi to the hotel but the traffic was very bad \_\_\_\_\_ (it/be) quicker if  
\_\_\_\_\_ (I/walk).

7 I'm not tired. If \_\_\_\_\_ (I/be) tired, I'd go home now.

8 I wasn't tired last night. If \_\_\_\_\_ (I/be) tired, I would have gone home earlier.

#### IV. Write a sentence with if for each situation.

1 I wasn't hungry, so I didn't eat anything.

*If I had been hungry I would have eaten something.*

2 The accident happened because the driver in front stopped so suddenly.

If the driver in front \_\_\_\_\_ .

3 I didn't know that George had to get up early, so I didn't wake him up.

If I \_\_\_\_\_ .

4 I was able to buy the car only because Jim lent me the money.

\_\_\_\_\_ .

5 Margaret wasn't injured in the crash because she was wearing a seat belt.

\_\_\_\_\_ .

6 You didn't have any breakfast - that's why you're hungry now.

\_\_\_\_\_ .

7 I didn't get a taxi because I didn't have any money on me.

\_\_\_\_\_ .

#### V. Imagine that you are in these situations. For each situation, write a sentence with "I wish..." .

1 You've eaten too much and now you feel sick.

You say: I wish I hadn't eaten so much,

2 There was a job advertised in the newspaper. You decided not to apply for it. Now you think that your decision was wrong.

You say: I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ .

3 When you were younger, you didn't learn to play a musical instrument. Now you regret this.

You say: \_\_\_\_\_ .

4 You've painted the gate red. Now you think that it doesn't look very nice.

\_\_\_\_\_ .

5 You are walking in the country. You would like to take some photos but you didn't bring your camera.

\_\_\_\_\_ .