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C1 CONDITIONALS ≈ 27 MIN

Alternatives to If in Conditionals — *practice on paper*

You know the connectors; now reinforce negative conditions, necessary requirements, precautions, and unchanged outcomes.

Unless means if not; **provided/as long as** mark requirements, in case a precaution, and even if an unchanged outcome.

NAME _____ DATE _____

YOUR BUILD 1 · SORTING ○ 2 · FILL-IN ○ 3 · CORRECT ○ 4 · WRITE ○

BRICK 1 · SORT REQUIREMENTS AND PRECAUTIONS · APPROX. 4 MIN ●○○

Sort each sentence. On the left, a condition must be met; on the right, an action is taken beforehand as a precaution.

- Provided the audit clears, we can launch.
- As long as Eva agrees, the slot is ours.
- Providing that stock arrives, we can ship.
- Provided that Legal approves, we can sign.
- As long as scope stays fixed, we can plan.
- Take notes in case the recording fails.
- Pack a cable in case the screen goes dark.
- Save a draft in case the portal closes.
- Bring an agenda in case the chair asks.
- Keep a spare room in case attendance rises.

NECESSARY CONDITION	PRECAUTION

BRICK 2 · COMPLETE THE CONNECTOR · APPROX. 6 MIN ●●○

Complete the missing connector or connector part. Decide from negation, requirement, precaution, unchanged outcome, or imagination.

01 _____ the editor objects, the article goes live.

02 Confirm catering numbers today; _____ , lunch will be cancelled.

03 The filing date stays fixed: _____ auditors request changes, we will file today.

04 Complete the -ing form: Suppos _____ the warehouse closes.

05 Badges activate after confirmation: they stay inactive _____ Security confirms.

06 Keep the token active; _____ , the session expires.

07 Training continues regardless: _____ the budget is reduced.

08 Complete the base form: Suppos _____ the chair steps down.

YOUR BUILD | 1 · SORTING | 2 · FILL-IN | 3 · CORRECT | 4 · WRITE

BRICK 3 · FIND AND CORRECT THE CONNECTOR ERROR · APPROX. 7 MIN

Each sentence contains exactly one connector error. Rewrite the full sentence and preserve the intended meaning.

01 Keep unless: Silence closes the file unless the buyer does not reply.

02 Modern BrE task: In case the panel rejects the bid, we will appeal.

03 As long the warranty holds, repairs remain covered.

04 Suppose if our host cancels — who can step in?

05 Send the signed form; otherwise that, access ends.

06 Even unless demand falls, production will continue.

BRICK 4 · WRITE PRECISE CONDITIONS · APPROX. 8 MIN

Write one English sentence for each prompt. Make the intended relationship clear enough that only the requested connector fits.

01 Boundary: use unless to state when an offer expires.

02 Requirement: use as long as for a project start.

03 Precaution: use in case for a backup copy.

04 Unchanged outcome: use even if with a delay.

MINI-CHECK — CAN I DO THIS YET?

- I do not add a second negative after unless.
- I use provided and as long as for necessary conditions.
- I use in case for a precaution taken beforehand.
- I recognise that even if leaves the outcome unchanged.

Still unsure? Name the relationship first, then choose the connector.

Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

01 Provided the audit clears, we can launch.
Necessary condition: clearance enables the launch.

02 As long as Eva agrees, the slot is ours.
Necessary condition: Eva must agree.

03 Providing that stock arrives, we can ship.
Necessary condition: the stock must arrive.

04 Provided that Legal approves, we can sign.
Necessary condition: Legal must approve.

05 As long as scope stays fixed, we can plan.
Necessary condition: scope must remain fixed.

06 Take notes in case the recording fails.
Precaution: notes protect the content beforehand.

07 Pack a cable in case the screen goes dark.
Precaution: the cable is packed beforehand.

08 Save a draft in case the portal closes.
Precaution: the draft is saved beforehand.

09 Bring an agenda in case the chair asks.
Precaution: the agenda is brought beforehand.

10 Keep a spare room in case attendance rises.
Precaution: the room is reserved beforehand.

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 **Unless** the editor objects, the article goes live.
If-not rule: unless contains the negative.

02 Confirm catering numbers today; **otherwise**, lunch will be cancelled.
Consequence rule: otherwise states the result.

03 The filing date stays fixed: **even if** auditors request changes, we will file today.
Outcome rule: changes do not delay filing.

04 Complete the -ing form: Suppos**ing** the warehouse closes.
Form rule: supposing ends in ing.

05 Badges activate after confirmation: they stay inactive **unless** Security confirms.
If-not rule: no confirmation keeps badges inactive.

06 Keep the token active; **otherwise**, the session expires.
Consequence rule: otherwise states the result.

07 Training continues regardless: **even if** the budget is reduced.
Outcome rule: the training remains unchanged.

08 Complete the base form: Suppos**e** the chair steps down.
Form rule: suppose ends in e.

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 Keep unless: Silence closes the file unless the buyer **replies**.
Meaning rule: unless carries the only negative.

02 Modern BrE task: **If** the panel rejects the bid, we will appeal.
BrE tendency: the response happens afterwards.

03 As long **as** the warranty holds, repairs remain covered.
Connector form: as long as needs both instances.

04 **Suppose** our host cancels — who can step in?
Imagination rule: suppose stands without if.

05 Send the signed form; **otherwise**, access ends.
Consequence rule: otherwise stands without that.

06 **Even if** demand falls, production will continue.
Outcome rule: even if leaves the result unchanged.

BRICK 4 · WRITE

Your answers may differ if the connector and intended meaning clearly match.

01 **Unless** Procurement responds by Tuesday, the offer will expire.
Unless rule: it sets a negative boundary.

02 **As long as** both sponsors confirm, the project can start.
Requirement rule: both confirmations are necessary.

03 Upload a second copy **in case** the drive becomes unavailable.
Precaution rule: the copy exists beforehand.

04 **Even if** delivery slips, the review date will remain fixed.
Outcome rule: the date remains unchanged.

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