Second Conditional — Worksheet

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Choose the correct option (a–d) for each gap or question. Check yourself with the answer key on the last page.

1. If I _____ more free time, I would learn to play the guitar.
   a) had b) have c) would have d) will have

2. If she lived closer to the office, she _____ to work every day.
   a) will walk b) would walk c) would walks d) walks

3. We _____ a bigger house if we earned more money.
   a) will buy b) bought c) would buy d) would bought

4. If he _____ so much coffee, he would sleep better.
   a) didn't drink b) doesn't drink c) wouldn't drink d) didn't drank

5. If I lived in a big city, I _____ happy — I love peace and quiet.
   a) won't be b) am not c) wouldn't be d) wasn't

6. If I _____ you, I would talk to your manager about it.
   a) am b) would be c) will be d) were

7. What _____ you _____ if you found a wallet on the bus?
   a) will … do b) would … did c) would … do d) do … do

8. If they had a car, they _____ us more often.
   a) would to visit b) would visit c) will visit d) visit

9. If I spoke Japanese, I _____ apply for that job in Tokyo.
   a) could b) can c) will d) would can

10. _____ you move abroad if you got a job offer in another country?
    a) Will b) Do c) Would d) Did

11. If I had wings, I _____ to work over the rooftops.
    a) will fly b) fly c) flew d) would fly

12. I can't drive, but if I _____ how to, I would take you to the airport.
    a) know b) knew c) would know d) will know

13. Tom doesn't speak French. If he _____ it, he would understand the film.
    a) spoke b) speaks c) would speak d) will speak

14. If I _____ the lottery, I would travel around the world for a year.
    a) win b) would win c) will win d) won

15. Your tooth still hurts? If I were you, I _____ to the dentist today.

a) will go b) would go c) went d) would went

16. If we left now, we _____ catch the earlier train, but I'm not sure.

a) will b) can c) would might d) might

17. If you _____ any job in the world, which one would you choose?

a) can have b) could have c) will have d) would have

18. If there _____ no cars at all, the air in our cities would be much cleaner.

a) are b) would be c) were d) will be

19. My phone is really old. If I _____ a new one, I'd take better photos.

a) buy b) would buy c) will buy d) bought

20. If I were in your position, I _____ that offer — it sounds too good to be true.

a) wouldn't accept b) won't accept c) don't accept d) didn't accept

21. Hurry up! If we _____ the next bus, we'll be late for the film.

a) missed b) miss c) would miss d) will miss

22. I don't live near the sea, but if I _____ there, I _____ every day.

a) lived … would swim b) live … will swim c) lived … will swim d) would live … would swim

23. If the weather _____ bad on Saturday, we'll move the barbecue to Sunday.

a) was b) is c) will be d) would be

24. Anna might come to the party. If I _____ her, I _____ her your news.

a) saw … will tell b) will see … will tell c) would see … would tell d) see … will tell

25. I don't have a twin, but if I _____ one, we _____ clothes.

a) have … will share b) had … will share c) had … would share d) would have … would share

26. Which sentence is correct?

a) If we would live in the countryside, we would keep chickens.
b) If we lived in the countryside, we will keep chickens.
c) If we lived in the countryside, we would keep chickens.
d) If we live in the countryside, we would keep chickens.

27. Which sentence is correct?

a) If I were you, I would apologise to her.
b) If I were you, I will apologise to her.
c) If I would be you, I would apologise to her.
d) If I am you, I would apologise to her.

28. Which question is correct?

a) What you would do if you lost your job?
b) What would you do if you would lose your job?
c) What will you do if you lost your job?
d) What would you do if you lost your job?

29. Which sentence is correct?

a) If I had a bike, I would can cycle to work.
b) If I had a bike, I could cycle to work.
c) If I had a bike, I can cycle to work.
d) If I would have a bike, I could cycle to work.

30. Which is correct?

a) I don't know her number. If I know it, I will call her.
b) I don't know her number. If I knew it, I will call her.
c) I don't know her number. If I knew it, I would call her.
d) I don't know her number. If I would know it, I would call her.

Answer Key

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1. a) had
The main clause has would, so the if-clause takes the past simple: If I…

2. b) would walk
The if-clause is in the past simple (lived), so the result takes would…

3. c) would buy
The if-clause can come second; the result still takes would + base…

4. a) didn't drink
The negative in the if-clause is the past simple: didn't drink — didn't…

5. c) wouldn't be
If I lived is an imagined situation — the speaker doesn't live in a…

6. d) were
Advice uses the fixed phrase If I were you, I would… The if-clause…

7. c) would … do
A question about an imagined situation: question word + would + subject…

8. b) would visit
If they had a car is imagined, so the result is would visit.

9. a) could
Could means would be able to: If I spoke Japanese, I could apply.

10. c) Would
A yes/no question in the second conditional starts with Would: Would…

11. d) would fly
Having wings is impossible, so the second conditional: If I had wings,…

12. b) knew
I can't drive is the fact, so the if-clause imagines the opposite in…

13. a) spoke
Tom doesn't speak French is the fact; the unreal condition takes the…

14. d) won
Winning the lottery is unlikely, and the main clause has would, so the…

15. b) would go
After If I were you the advice takes would + base form: would go.

16. d) might
But I'm not sure calls for might (= would perhaps).

17. b) could have
In the if-clause, could (= were able to) is the past of can: If you…

18. c) were
A world with no cars is imaginary, so the if-clause takes the past: If…

19. d) bought
I'd take is I would take, so the if-clause takes the past simple:…

20. a) wouldn't accept
If I were in your position works like If I were you: advice with…

21. b) miss
Missing the bus is a real possibility and the result has we'll, so the…

22. a) lived … would swim
I don't live near the sea rules out a real possibility, so the second…

23. b) is
Bad weather on Saturday is a real possibility and the result has we'll,…

24. d) see … will tell
Anna might come — a real possibility — so the first conditional: see ……

25. c) had … would share
I don't have a twin is a fact that can't change, so the situation is…

26. c) If we lived in the countryside, we would keep chickens.
The past simple lived after if and would keep in the main clause make…

27. a) If I were you, I would apologise to her.
Advice uses the fixed phrase If I were you, I would… Would be can't…

28. d) What would you do if you lost your job?
A question needs would before the subject — What would you do…?

29. b) If I had a bike, I could cycle to work.
Could means would be able to, so I could cycle follows If I had a bike.

30. c) I don't know her number. If I knew it, I would call her.
I don't know her number is the fact, so the condition is unreal: the…