

**1 A quiz**

Before you go on with the exercises, check what you already know about if-clauses and tick the correct answers.

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| 1. In which type of conditional sentence do you form the main clause with the present perfect?                                | a) Type 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | c) Type 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
|   | b) Type 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | d) none <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 2. Which if-clause shows that something might be possible (but you're not sure), or, improbable <sup>1</sup> ?                | a) Type 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | c) Type 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
|   | b) Type 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | d) none <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 3. In which type of if-clauses can you use 'would' in the if-clause?  | a) Type 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | c) Type 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
|   | b) Type 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | d) none <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 4. Which type of if-clause needs the past tense in the if-clause and the conditional (would + infinitive) in the main clause? | a) Type 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | c) Type 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
|   | b) Type 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | d) none <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 5. Which type of if-clause does not have a conditional form in the main clause?   | a) Type 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | c) Type 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
|   | b) Type 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | d) none <input type="checkbox"/>   |

Now check your answers. For each correct answer you get one point!

Correct answers: 1. d) 2. b) 3. d) 4. b) 5. a)

5-4 points: Great! You seem to be a real specialist!

3-2 points: Not bad, but you should have another look at your Green Line Grammar (pages 138-140).

1-0 point: If you had worked harder, you would have been more successful! The Grammar pages in your book are waiting for you!

**2 Use the different if-clause types**

Complete the following sentences and say which if-clause type each sentence is.

- If Amy had cleaned her room, her mother (*be happy*) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ . If-clause type \_\_\_\_\_
- I will get some advice if I (*write*) \_\_\_\_\_  
a letter to an agony aunt. If-clause type \_\_\_\_\_
- If you (*read*) \_\_\_\_\_ books all night  
long, you would not be able to get up early. If-clause type \_\_\_\_\_
- If you throw a party while your parents are gone,  
you (*be*) \_\_\_\_\_ in big trouble. If-clause type \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup>improbable (*unwahrscheinlich*)

### 3 The party

a) Read the letter that Peter wrote to Helen, a famous agony aunt in Britain.

Dear Helen,

Last weekend my parents went away to see some friends, so I had the house all to myself. I decided to have a party, because, well, it's cool to get crazy when your parents are away, right? I decorated<sup>2</sup> the house with candles, made cakes and bought lots of lemonade. I also moved the furniture to make room<sup>3</sup> for dancing. Everything looked great, and man, my friends loved it, too.

The trouble started when Susan started to scream out the window to the neighbours and Max turned up the music so that the whole neighbourhood could hear it. Then Howard and Danny got into a food fight; the furniture and the walls looked terrible after that! And then Martha jumped on the table to show us a new dance, and then fell on the candles and burnt her new outfit – and my mum's favourite rug<sup>4</sup>! Finally, the neighbours called the police – and my parents came home early. They are really angry! What can I do now?

Please help!

Peter

b) Here are some of the things Helen wrote back to Peter. Fill in the gaps – and don't forget the rules!

Dear Peter,

1. If I *(be)* \_\_\_\_\_ you, I *(talk)* \_\_\_\_\_ to your parents and say you're sorry. Again!
2. And remember: If you *(talk)* \_\_\_\_\_ to your parents about your plans before your party, you *(not get)* \_\_\_\_\_ into so much trouble.
3. If you *(offer)* \_\_\_\_\_ to help to pay for a new rug, I'm sure your parents *(be)* \_\_\_\_\_ very happy, so try that.
4. If you *(not put)* \_\_\_\_\_ candles everywhere, your mother's rug *(still be)* \_\_\_\_\_ fine. (So no candles at your next party! And I hope there'll be a 'next party'!)

<sup>2</sup>to decorate (*dekoriieren*) – <sup>3</sup>to make room (*Platz machen*) – <sup>4</sup>rug (*Teppich*)

**4 One week later ...**

One week later, Peter is talking about the party to his friend Mike on the phone. What does he say?  
Write six sentences, two for each type of if-clause.

1. If I have another party, I \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. If \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. If I were my mother, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. If \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. If Max had kept the music down, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. If \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## Lösungen

## 2

1. If Amy had cleaned her room, her mother would have been happy. If-clause type 3
2. I will get some advice if I write a letter to an agony aunt. If-clause type 1
3. If you read books all night long, you would not be able to get up early. If clause type 2
4. If you throw a party while your parents are gone, you'll be in big trouble. If clause type 1

## 3 b)

1. If I were you, I would talk to your parents and say you're sorry. Again!
2. And remember: If you had talked to your parents about your plans *before* your party, you wouldn't have got into so much trouble.
3. If you offer to help to pay for a new rug, I'm sure your parents will be very happy, so try that.
4. If you hadn't put candles everywhere, your mother's rug would still be fine. (So no candles at your next party! And I hope there'll be a 'next party'!)

## 4 (Lösungsvorschläge)

1. If I throw another party, I'll (*I will*) tell my parents about it.
2. If I invite my friends again, I'll (*I will*) tell them to be careful in my parents' house.
3. If I were my mother, I'd (*I would*) also be very angry with me.
4. If I had the money, I would pay for my mum's rug.
5. If Max had kept the music down, the neighbours would not have known that a party was going on
6. If I had not thrown a party at all, it could have been a nice evening.