

Joe のなるほど！英文法 (2) If で始まる文の作り方
—番組のおさらい—

Note: If you get 90% correct (9 correct), your “If” usage is EXCELLENT!

Exercise A: Choose the best answers.

- 1) If he _____ earlier, he could have left on today's flight.
a) decide b) would decide c) decides d) had decided
- 2) If your mother _____ that car for you, will you be happy?
a) buy b) buys c) will buy d) would buy
- 3) I _____ if they invite me to the party.
a) had accepted b) accepted c) will accept d) would accept
- 4) We could go for a drive if today _____ Saturday.
a) be b) is c) were d) will be
- 5) If I had seen the movie, I _____ you yesterday.
a) told b) had told c) have told d) would have told

Exercise B: Write a good answer.

Example: Do you have a lot of money?

Answer: No, I don't have a lot of money. If I had a lot of money, I would buy a car.

- 6) Do you like ice cream?
- 7) Did you break your leg last week?
- 8) Do you know how to play the violin?
- 9) Do you have your own airplane?
- 10) Last week were you in Rome?

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Answers and Reasons/ Example Answers

- 1) had decided: This is “past If”.
- 2) buys: This is “future If”. Don’t forget “she buys...”
- 3) will accept: This is “future If”.
- 4) were: This is “present If”. Note: “was” is also possible in conversation.
- 5) would have told: This is “past If”.
- 6) No/ Yes... If I didn’t like ice cream, I would not buy it. (OR) If I liked ice cream, I would eat it.
(present If)
- 7) No, I didn’t break my leg. If I had broken my leg, I would have gone to the hospital. (past If)
- 8) No, I don’t know how to play... If I knew how to play, I would make other people happy.
(OR) Yes, I know how to play... If I didn’t know how to play, I couldn’t play it. (present If)
- 9) No, I don’t have my own plane. If I had my own plane, I would fly to Okinawa. (present If)
- 10) No, I wasn’t in Rome. If I had been in Rome, I would have seen some ancient ruins. (past If)