**Conditionals: With Only If, Unless, If Not, Even Though, Even If**

**“Only If”** and **“Unless”** refer to exclusive conditions (the only condition under which an event will occur).

**FORM affirmative main clause + only if + conditional clause**

**affirmative main clause + unless +conditional clause** (negative implication**)**

**negative main clause + unless + conditional clause**

**USE “Only if”** is used with affirmative main clauses. It means “only on the

condition that”. **Unless”** is used with affirmative and negative main

clauses. With a negative main clause itmeans “except on the condition

that”. With an affirmative clause, it has a negative meaning.

**EXAMPLES** *I can go to the party Saturday only if I finish studying for the test.*

*I have to stay home Saturday unless I finish my work.*

*I can’t go to the party unless I finish my work.*

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**FORM unless if…not**

**USE “Unless” often has a similar to “if… not”:**

*Theo will play tennis on Sunday unless it rains.*

*Theo will play tennis on Sunday if it does not rain.*

**Only “if…not” is used with main clauses that are contrary to a**

**present situation:**

*She would have a lot of money if she did not spend so much on clothes.*

*(She does not have a lot of money.)*

**“If it weren’t (hadn’t been) for” is also used with main clauses contrary**

**to present**

*If it weren’t for my high school math teacher, I wouldn’t have become a*

*teacher myself. (I did become a teacher.)*

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**FORM even though even if**

**USE “Even though”** and **“even if”** are used for emphasis.

***Even though*** means “in spite of the fact that”. The condition after ***even***

***though*** is real.

*I went for a walk in the park even though it was very cold.* (It was cold, but

I walked.)

***Even if*** means “whether or not”. The condition after ***even if*** may or may not

be real.

*I will walk to school even if it is very* *cold.* (I will walk whether it is cold or not).

\*\*“**Even if**” can be replaced with “**even when**” with past tense and

habitual present.

*Fill in the blanks with IF, ONLY IF or UNLESS.*

1. I can stay out late \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my parents know where I am and who I’m with.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you are free on Saturday morning, let’s go out for breakfast.
3. My mother said I could have dessert \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I finished eating my broccoli.
4. You can’t stay home from school \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you are really sick.
5. Generally you can’t enter university \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you graduate from high school.
6. You can do a Master’s Degree \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you earn a Bachelor’s Degree first.

*Complete the following with conditional clauses using UNLESS or IF…NOT.*

1. I would not be so happy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. She could have been seriously hurt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. If it weren’t for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. My parents will take a vacation next summer\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. We won’t eat in a restaurant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. Steve couldn’t have bought that car \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*Complete with EVEN IF or EVEN THOUGH.*

1. John is wealthy, but he looks for sales \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he can afford to pay full price.

2. I rode by bike to school today \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it was raining.

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my kids don’t like broccoli, I give it to them because it’s healthy.

4. Jim walks to school \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he lives on the other side of the town.

5. Ken is always smiling and friendly, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he’s having a bad day.

6. I wouldn’t talk to him \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he were the last person on earth.