

ACTIVITY 1

Match the two halves of each sentence, and indicate to which conditional type the sentence belongs, i.e. whether it is zero, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>.

<u>a.</u> If Susan trains hard every day	<u>1.</u> more people would use it
<u>b.</u> Company profits increase	<u>2.</u> if the company had invested in the project
<u>c.</u> If scientist had found a cure	<u>3.</u> the board always reassesses its position
<u>d.</u> The results would reflect the change	<u>4.</u> it will be worth the effort to investigate
<u>e.</u> If the government is serious about reducing pollution	<u>5.</u> if sales had been higher
<u>f.</u> If the transport system was more reliable	<u>6.</u> she will make the Olympic team
<u>g.</u> Their profits would have doubled	<u>7.</u> when banks reduce interest rates
<u>h.</u> If the prices increase dramatically	<u>8.</u> the people would not have died of those diseases
<u>i.</u> If the investment grows at 10% per annum	<u>9.</u> If the researcher analysed the data more carefully
<u>j.</u> The company would have invested in the technology	<u>10.</u> they should ban smoking in public places



## ACTIVITY 2

Consolidate your learning about conditional sentences and practise forming either the zero, first, second or third conditional by selecting the correct verb tense to complete the sentences below.

**Question 1:** If I had been able to work overseas, I \_\_\_\_\_ the experience required for the job.

**Answer:**  
a. would have gained  
b. would gain  
c. gained

**Question 2:** If the competitor \_\_\_\_\_ its new product, the marketing team would have reached its goal in the last quarter.

**Answer:**  
a. has not launched  
b. had not launched  
c. would launch

**Question 3:** It might help his prospects, if he \_\_\_\_\_ the time with the career counsellor.

**Answer:**  
a. would have spent  
b. will spend  
c. spent

**Question 4:** The students \_\_\_\_\_ more productive, if they work in bright, large classrooms.

**Answer:**  
a. have been  
b. would have been  
c. are

**Question 5:** If the workers go on strike, the train services \_\_\_\_\_ disrupted.

**Answer:**  
a. will be  
b. would have been  
c. have been



**Question 6:** The project would have been viable, if the overhead costs \_\_\_\_\_.

- Answer:**
- a. are reduced
  - b. had been reduced
  - c. would be

**Question 7:** If the quality of air \_\_\_\_\_ further, the government will commission an environmental impact study.

- Answer:**
- a. deteriorates
  - b. would have deteriorated
  - c. deteriorated

**Question 8:** The company \_\_\_\_\_ satisfactorily, if the team had had a strategy in place.

- Answer:**
- a. had progressed
  - b. would have progressed
  - c. will progress

**Question 9:** If inflation decreases, possibilities for employment \_\_\_\_\_ enormously.

- Answer:**
- a. will have increased
  - b. increased
  - c. increase

**Question 10:** If I were you, I \_\_\_\_\_ for the mistake.

- Answer:**
- a. would apologise
  - b. will apologise
  - c. apologise

## ANSWERS ACTIVITY 1

a. If Susan trains hard every day <b>1<sup>st</sup> conditional</b>	6. she will make the Olympic team
b. Company profits increase <b>zero conditional</b>	7. when banks reduce interest rates
c. If scientist had found a cure <b>3<sup>rd</sup> conditional</b>	8. the people would not have died of those diseases
d. The results would reflect the change <b>2<sup>nd</sup> conditional</b>	9. If the researcher analysed the data more carefully
e. If the government is serious about reducing pollution <b>1<sup>st</sup> conditional</b>	10. they should ban smoking in public places
f. If the transport system was more reliable <b>2<sup>nd</sup> conditional</b>	1. more people would use it
g. Their profits would have doubled <b>3<sup>rd</sup> conditional</b>	2. if the company had invested in the project
h. If the prices increase dramatically <b>zero conditional</b>	3. the board always reassesses its position
i. If the investment grows at 10% per annum <b>1<sup>st</sup> conditional</b>	4. it will be worth the effort to investigate
j. The company would have invested in the technology <b>3<sup>rd</sup> conditional</b>	5. if sales had been higher

## ANSWERS ACTIVITY 2

1. If I had been able to work overseas, I **(a) would have gained** the experience required for the job.
2. If the competitor **(b) had not launched** its new product, the marketing team would have reached its goal in the last quarter.
3. It might help his prospects, if he **(c) spent** the time with the career counsellor.
4. The students **(c) are** more productive, if they work in bright, large classrooms.
5. If the workers go on strike, the train services **(a) will be** disrupted.
6. The project would have been viable, if the overhead costs **(b) had been reduced**.
7. If the quality of air **(a) deteriorates** further, the government will commission an environmental impact study.
8. The company **(b) would have progressed** satisfactorily, if the team had had a strategy in place.
9. If inflation decreases, possibilities for employment **(c) increase** enormously.
10. If I were you, I **(a) would apologise** for the mistake.