

Conditional sentences: grammar exercise

Complete the following sentences using an appropriate verb form.

1. If you had taken the necessary precautions, none of this

would happen

would have happened

will happen

2. If I were you, I that mole examined.

will get

would get

would have got

3. If I a lottery, I would spend all my time traveling.

won

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win

had won

4. Had I realized what you intended, I
..... my permission.

would not give

would not have given

will not given

5. If it for your help, I don't
know what I would have done.

wasn't

weren't

hadn't been

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6. Were she my daughter, I her to go out in that mini-frock.

will not allow

would not allow

would not have allowed

Answers

1. If you had taken the necessary precautions, none of this would have happened. (In a type 3 conditional sentence, we use a past perfect tense in the if-clause and would have + past participle in the result clause.)

2. If I were you, I would get that mole examined. (In a type 2 conditional sentence, we use a past simple tense in the if-clause and would + infinitive in the result clause.)

3. If I won a lottery, I would spend all my time traveling. (When we use would + infinitive in the main clause, the verb in the if-clause should be in the past simple tense.)

4. Had I realized what you intended, I would not have given my permission. ('Had I realized' means the same as 'If I had realized'. If I had realized what you intended, I wouldn't have given my permission.)

5. If it hadn't been for your help, I don't know what I would have done. (We use a past perfect tense in the if-clause when would have + past participle is used in the main clause.)

6. Were she my daughter, I would not allow her to go out in that mini-frock. (In a type 2 conditional

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sentence we use a past simple tense in the if-clause and would + infinitive in the main clause. The clause 'were she my daughter' is actually a shortened form of the clause 'if she were my daughter'.)