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Conditionals and Unreal Past Practice

I. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

1. If you (**not/put up**) this shelf, you won't have anywhere to put your books.
2. If he (**change**) jobs, he would be a lot happier.
3. If I were you, I (**tell**) her how you feel.
4. If you shout so loudly, you (**wake up**) the baby.
5. Even if he (**ask**) them, they wouldn't have agreed to come.
6. Unless you (**feel**) any better, you can take the rest of the day off.
7. If she (**not/threaten**) him, he wouldn't have left.
8. I (**not/trust**) him if I were you.
9. If you're patient for a few minutes, I (**be able**) to finish this.
10. He (**not/go**) with her if he had known she would behave so irresponsibly.

II. Choose the correct option.

1. If they **went/had gone** out less, they'd have more money.
2. I feel a bit sick now. I wish I **hadn't eaten/didn't eat** so much.
3. We'd rather you **took out/take out** separate holiday insurance.
4. Sylvia wishes she **had/has** long hair.
5. She'd rather **didn't show/not show** him her passport.
6. You'd better **have gone/go** to bed as we have to be up early tomorrow.
7. If only I **wouldn't leave/hadn't left** the window open!
8. Suppose they **had cancelled/cancelled** the flight. How would you have got home?

9. Tom's mother made him go to school, although he would rather **stayed/have stayed** at home.
10. Chris prefers **to work/work** mornings rather than evenings.
11. Suppose Helen **invited/would invite** Mark, would you still go to the party?
12. It's high time he **faced/had faced** up to his responsibilities.
13. I'd rather Sam **doesn't play/didn't play** his music so loud.

III. Complete the sentences using the words in bold. Use two to five words.

1. Your mother's worried about you. You should phone her. **BETTER**
You _____ your mother as she's worried about you.
2. Will you ever think about finding a flat of your own? **TIME**
It's _____ about finding a flat of your own.
3. Look at how he lives – he thinks he's a millionaire. **IF**
He lives _____ a millionaire.
4. This summer, I would rather book a holiday in Monaco than Lyon. **PREFER**
This summer, I _____ a holiday in Monaco rather than Lyon.
5. Why didn't you tell me yourself that you were leaving? **RATHER**
I'd _____ me yourself that you were leaving.
6. She wants to be more like her mother. **WISHES**
She _____ more like her mother.
7. I should have taken that job in Canada last year. **ONLY**
If _____ that job in Canada last year.
8. You should have checked the oil before you set out. **BETTER**
It _____ you had checked the oil before you set out.

Answer Key

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