

CONDITIONAL EXPRESSIONS

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ASSUMING (THAT)

accepting that something is true without being sure about it:

- Assuming that all goes well, how long is the project expected to take?
- Even assuming that smokers do see the health warnings, I doubt they'll take any notice.

BUT FOR

used to introduce the reason why something didn't or did happen:

- But for the traffic, I would have been here an hour ago.
- I might never have got to university but for you.

IF + WERE TO

In formal situations, we can use if + were to when we talk about things that might happen but which we think are unlikely:

- If the Prime Minister were to resign, there would have to be a general election within 30 days.
- Even if England were to win the next two matches, Germany would still be three points ahead.

IN CASE / IN CASE OF (+ noun)

if something happens, or in preparation for when something happens:

- Bring a map in case you get lost.
- The camping area has ready access to water, in case of fire.

IN THE EVENT OF SOMETHING IN THE EVENT THAT SOMETHING HAPPENS

if something happens:

- In the event of a strike, the army will take over responsibility for firefighting.
- In the event that the performance is canceled, you can get your money back.

ON (THE) CONDITION THAT : only if

- I'll come to the party on the condition that you don't wear those ridiculous trousers!
- The bank lent the company 100,000 pounds on condition that they repaid the money within six months.

OR ELSE

1) used to say what will happen if another thing does not happen:

- We must be there by six, or else we'll miss the beginning.

2) used as a threat, sometimes humorously:

- He'd better find it quickly, or else (= or I will punish him in some way)!

OR / OTHERWISE

used to say that something bad could happen if someone does not do a particular thing

- You've got to start studying, or you'll fail all those exams.
- We'd better send it express, otherwise it'll take days.

PROVIDING (THAT) *more common in speaking*

PROVIDED (THAT) *more formal / more common in writing*

used to say what must happen or be done to make it possible for something else to happen.

- We'll buy everything you produce, providing of course the price is right.
- They may do whatever they like provided that it is within the law.

SO LONG AS / AS LONG AS

used to say that one thing can happen or be true only if another thing happens or is true

- You can play in the living room as long as you don't make a mess.
- So long as there is a demand for these drugs, the financial incentive for drug dealers will be there.

SUPPOSING (THAT) / SUPPOSE (THAT)

used at the beginning of a sentence or clause to mean 'what would happen if':

- Supposing (that) you are wrong, what will you do then?
- Suppose we miss the train - what will we do then?

UNLESS

used to say that something can only happen or be true in a particular situation.

- You won't get paid for time off unless you have a doctor's note.
- I won't change anything unless someone has asked me to.