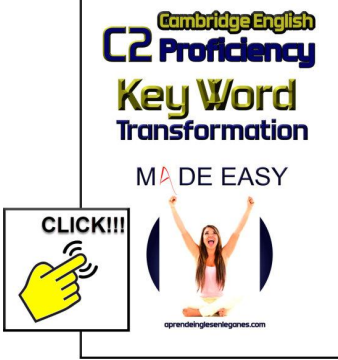


# INVERSION

## IN CONDITIONAL SENTENCES



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### SHOULD - FIRST CONDITIONAL (we replace 'if' with 'should')

#### NORMAL STRUCTURE

#### INVERTED STRUCTURE

**NO CONTRACTION:** ~~X~~ shouldn't you    ✓ should you not

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### WERE - SECOND CONDITIONAL

Verb Be : delete 'if' and Invert the subject and the auxiliary 'were'. ('if I were' → 'were I')

Other verbs: replace 'if' with were and change the verb form to to + infinitive. ('if I did' → 'were I to do')

#### NORMAL STRUCTURE

#### INVERTED STRUCTURE

**NO CONTRACTION:** ~~X~~ weren't I to    ✓ were I not to

If I were you, I would take that opportunity without hesitation.

Were I you, I would take that opportunity without hesitation.

If she accepted the job offer, it would be a great opportunity for her career.

Were she to accept the job offer, it would be a great opportunity for her career.

If it weren't for his support, I wouldn't have been able to achieve this success.

Were it not for his support, I wouldn't have been able to achieve this success.

### HAD - THIRD CONDITIONAL

Delete 'if' and Invert the subject and the auxiliary. ('if I had' → 'had I')

#### NORMAL STRUCTURE

#### INVERTED STRUCTURE

**NO CONTRACTION:** ~~X~~ hadn't you    ✓ had you not

If I had known earlier, I would have made different plans.

Had I known earlier, I would have made different plans.

If you hadn't been late, we would have caught the train.

Had you not been late, we would have caught the train.

If it had not rained, we would have had a picnic in the park.

Had it not rained, we would have had a picnic in the park.