

## Week 3

# Inversion in conditionals

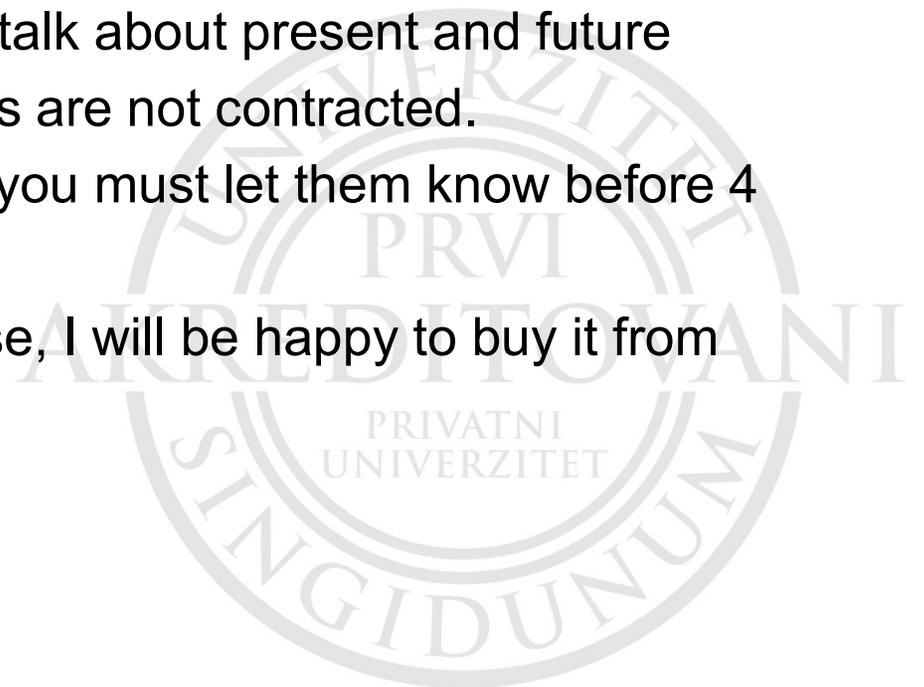
*In conditional sentences, we can sometimes omit **if** and invert the subject and auxiliary verb (should, were, had). This structure is formal.*

### **Type 1**

The structure with **should** is used to talk about present and future conditions. Here again negative forms are not contracted.

**Should you not wish to join them**, you must let them know before 4 o'clock. (**NOT Shouldn't you...**)

**Should you decide** the sell the house, I will be happy to buy it from you.



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### **Type 2**

***Were he to propose to you now, what would you say?*** (if he were to propose to you)

***Were I you, I would stop smoking.*** (if I were you)

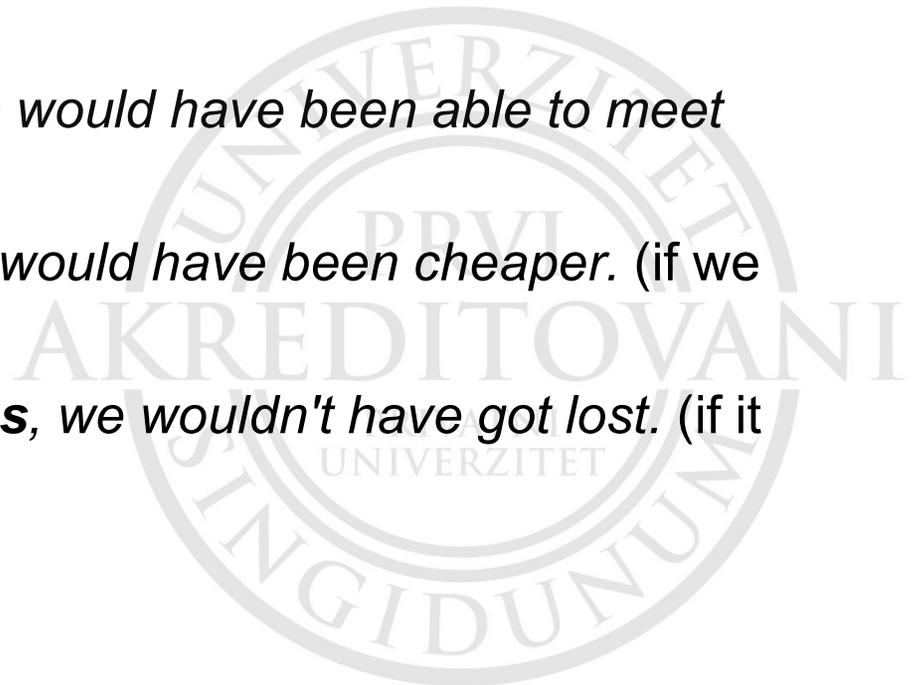
***Were it not for Mary, we wouldn't know what to do now.*** (if it weren't for Mary)

### **Type 3**

***Had they sent the goods on time, we would have been able to meet the deadline.***

***Had we booked our flight earlier, it would have been cheaper.*** (if we had booked our flight earlier)

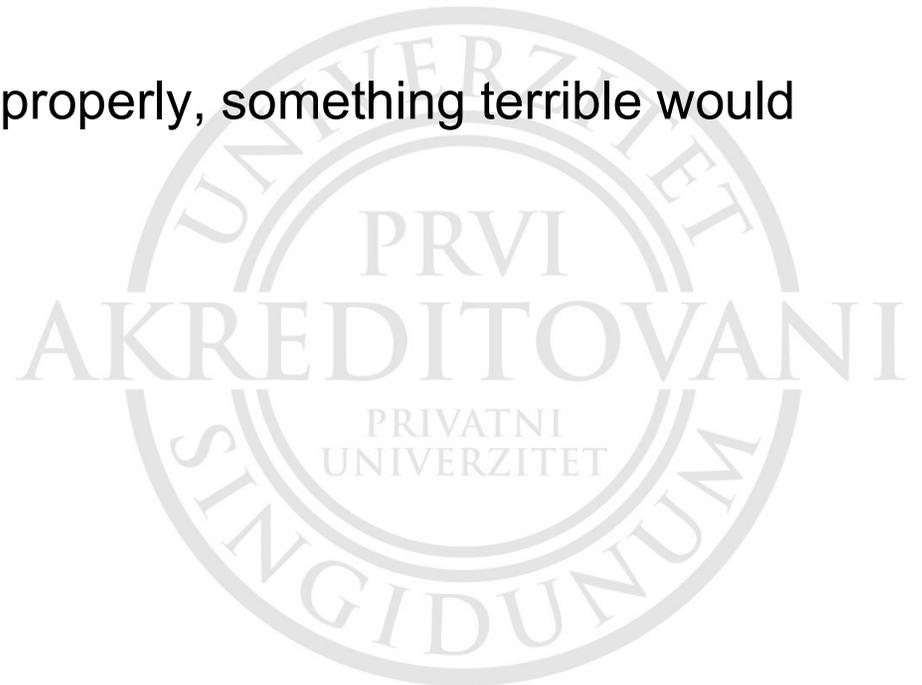
***Had it not been for your foolishness, we wouldn't have got lost.*** (if it hadn't been for your foolishness)



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Change the following sentences to inverted conditionals.

1. If he were the managing director, he would provide better for us.
2. If my friend should call, please take a message.
3. If airport security had known about the dangers, they would have secured the airport better.
4. If they had not secured the airport properly, something terrible would have happened.



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### Rewrite the conditional clause in inverted form

1. If she arrives late again, she could face disciplinary action.  
\_\_\_\_\_ , she could face disciplinary action.

2. Tell Paul to give me ring if you happen to see him.

Tell Paul to give me a ring \_\_\_\_\_.

3. If you're interested, there's a good play on at the theatre tonight.  
\_\_\_\_\_, there's a good play on at the theatre tonight.

4. We can always employ extra staff if the need arises.

We can always employ extra staff \_\_\_\_\_.

5. If you need any more information, don't hesitate to contact me.  
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