



Answers

1. c) would buy
2. a) would have been
3. a) would be
4. b) lived
5. d) had won
6. a) would have
7. d) would have
8. b) would
9. b) could have
10. c) wouldn't be
11. d) were
12. d) could
13. c) wouldn't
14. a) wouldn't have lost
15. b) might not feel
16. c) would drive
17. d) would have
18. b) would have
19. a) wouldn't have tried
20. c) were



Explanations

1. “would buy” (c)

Both the condition (being rich) and the result (buying a mansion) are about the present/future — this is a standard second conditional. Use 'would + base verb' in the result clause.

2. “would have been” (a)

Both the condition (not knowing) and the result (not being there) happened in the past — this is a standard third conditional. Use 'would have + past participle'.

3. “would be” (a)

The condition is past (had caught — she didn't catch it) but the result is present (by now). This is a mixed conditional (Type 3→2): past cause, present result. Use 'would be'.

4. “lived” (b)

Both clauses are about the present/future — we don't live near the beach, and going surfing is an imaginary present habit. This is a second conditional, so the if-clause uses past simple (lived).

5. “had won” (d)

'Last year' marks a past event, and 'today' marks a present result — this crosses time frames, making it a mixed conditional (Type 3→2). The if-clause needs past perfect: 'had won'.

6. “would have” (a)

Both the condition (missing the flight) and the result (arriving hours ago) are in the past — this is a standard third conditional. Use 'would have arrived'.

7. “would have” (d)

Stage fright is a present, ongoing condition (didn't have — Type 2). The performance was in the past (last term — Type 3 result). This is a mixed conditional (Type 2→3): 'would have performed'.

8. “would” (b)

Both clauses are about the present/future — you don't have free time now, and learning guitar is a present/future wish. This is a second conditional: 'would learn'.

9. “could have” (b)

Colour-blindness is a permanent present condition (weren't — Type 2). Becoming a pilot was a past possibility (when he was younger — Type 3 result). Mixed conditional (Type 2→3): 'could have become'.

10. “wouldn't be” (c)

Past cause (had planned) meets present result (struggling now). This is a mixed conditional (Type 3→2). 'Wouldn't be' is correct for the present consequence.

11. “were” (d)

Both clauses are about the present — 'If I were you' is a present unreal state, and 'would talk' is a present/future action. This is a standard second conditional using the subjunctive 'were'.

12. “could” (d)

'Had practised' is an unreal past action, and 'now' marks the present result. Mixed conditional (Type 3→2): 'could play' expresses present ability that would exist if the past had been different.

13. “wouldn't” (c)

Both the condition (using the GPS) and the result (getting lost) are in the past — this is a standard third conditional. 'Wouldn't have got lost' describes the past result of a past condition.

14. “wouldn't have lost” (a)

Being disorganised is Tom's present personality (weren't — Type 2). Losing his passport happened in the past (last month — Type 3 result). Mixed conditional (Type 2→3): 'wouldn't have lost'.

15. “might not feel” (b)

'Had taken' is the unreal past, and 'at the moment' marks the present result. Mixed conditional (Type 3→2): 'might not feel' expresses uncertainty about the present consequence.

16. “would drive” (c)

Both the condition (not having a licence) and the result (driving to work) are about the present — this is a standard second conditional. Use 'would drive'.

17. “would have” (d)

Both the condition (bad weather) and the result (enjoying the holiday) happened in the past — this is a standard third conditional. 'Would have enjoyed' is the correct form.

18. “would have” (b)

'Hadn't dropped out' is the unreal past, and 'now' signals the present result — having a degree is a present state. Mixed conditional (Type 3→2): 'would have a degree now'.

19. “wouldn't have tried” (a)

Liking spicy food is a present state (didn't like — Type 2). Going to the restaurant was a past event (last Friday — Type 3 result). Mixed conditional (Type 2→3): 'wouldn't have tried'.

20. “were” (c)

Both the condition (not being careful with spending) and the result (not having savings) are about the present — this is a standard second conditional. 'Were' is the subjunctive form for the present unreal condition.