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Unit 4

Pre-test: What Do You Already Know?

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Practice What You Have Learned (page 93-98)

Exercise 1 (page 93)

1. a. no b. yes, when she has enough money c. future
2. a. no b. no c. present
3. a. no b. yes c. past

Exercise 2 (page 94)

1. present
2. future
3. present
4. past
5. past / present (past cause / present result)
6. past

Exercise 3 (page 94)

- I* 1. If I had a car, I would not ask my friends to take me shopping.
- I* 2. If Margaret had slept more, she would not have had trouble staying awake during the chemistry lecture yesterday.
- C* 3. *Correct*
- I* 4. If I go to Los Angeles next week, I will see all my friends.
- I* 5. If Peter went to the bookstore later today, he could buy two notebooks for the price of one. (OR: If Peter goes to the bookstore later today, he can buy two notebooks for the price of one.)
- I* 6. If Edith had not had to turn in her paper today, she would have skipped class.
- I* 7. If the weather was nice, Marcella always took a walk after dinner. (OR: If the

weather is nice, Marcella always takes a walk after dinner.)

I 8. If I could find a ride home this weekend, I would give my parents a surprise visit.

C 9. *Correct*

C 10. *Correct*

Exercise 4 (page 95)

1. If the city had expanded the parking space downtown, we would not have had to park so far away from the movie theater.
2. When my roommate snores (OR is snoring) loudly, I cannot sleep.
3. Some celebrities get depressed if their names do not appear (OR have not appeared) in the news.
4. If we had not had to take an exam on the conditional, we might not have learned it.
5. Maya will not pass (OR might not pass; OR cannot pass) her driving test unless she calms down.
6. If it were winter, all these trees would be covered with snow.
7. Had it not rained, the farmers would have lost (OR would lose) all their crops.
8. If the airplane had not had a mechanical problem, we would probably have arrived (OR would probably be arriving) in Tucson by now.
9. We would be lying (OR would have been lying OR could be lying OR could have been lying) on the beach in Mexico right now if we had been able to get our visas on time.
10. I would try to find more opportunities to speak English if I were you.

Exercise 5 (page 96)

1. talked
2. had not stayed
3. would have felt
4. I do not make

Exercise 6 (page 97)

Answers will vary. Possible answers follow.

1. If Jennifer did not have to be in class right now, she could help me wash the dishes.
2. I would have gotten to class earlier if the bus had not come late.
3. If I had gotten enough sleep last night, I would not be so tired right now.
4. I would complain about this class if I were not learning anything.
5. If Vincent has time later, he will stop by our house to say hello.
6. If I had had time during the weekend, I would have played tennis.
7. If I had a little extra money, I would buy a suede jacket.
8. If students are given too much to learn, they end up learning very little.
9. If the tuition were lowered, some students would not have to take out loans.
10. Even if we could have raised the money to buy George a gift, we would not have bought him a gift for his birthday because he had told us "no gifts."

Exercise 7 (page 98)

Answers will vary. Possible answers follow.

1. If I have a problem, I usually share (OR will usually share) it with my best friend.
2. If today were Saturday, I would probably be at work right now.
3. If I were given the chance to make the decision again, I would definitely attend the same school.

Exercise 8 (page 98)

Option A

Last year, I lived in a dormitory on campus. It was, unfortunately, always noisy. If I had not lived there, I would certainly have had more time to study for my classes, and I would have eaten better food. On the other hand, I would have made fewer friends last year. For next year, I have decided I want to live off campus in an apartment. Soon I will have to start thinking about choosing a roommate and getting an apartment. I would prefer to live with my best friend, Joan. However, if I picked my best friend, I would have no one to turn to when my roommate and I have an argument. On the other hand, if I decided to live with one of my new friends from the dorm, then I would hurt Joan's feelings. Perhaps, when I talk to Joan next week, we will figure out together what to do.

Option B

However, if I pick my best friend, I will have no one to turn to when my roommate and I have an argument. On the other hand, if I decide to live with one of my new friends from the dorm, then I will hurt Joan's feelings.

Post-test: What Do You Know Now? (page 99-101)

A (page 99)

- I* 1. If I studied in the evening, I learned much faster. (OR: If I study in the evening I learn much faster.)
- I* 2. It must be later than we thought if the library is already closed.
- I* 3. I will continue my studies if I receive a scholarship.
- I* 4. If I were attending a university in Korea, I would be seeing (OR would see) my family more often.
- I* 5. If Mike could find his safety glasses, he would start the experiment. (OR: If Mike can find his safety glasses, he will start the experiment.)
- C* 6. *Correct*
- C* 7. *Correct*
- I* 8. If Jean turned her research paper in on time, she would receive full credit. (OR: If Jean had turned her research paper in on time, she would have received full credit.)

B (page 99)

Answers will vary. Possible answers follow.

1. If my roommate forgets to lock the door, she is not being responsible for our safety.

2. If a grammar exam tests only the hardest rules, it is not a realistic exam.
3. When a hurricane is forecast, residents in the area are supposed to take precautions.

C (page 100)

Answers will vary. Possible answers follow.

1. If the students could vote on whether to take a test or not, they would probably say, "Let's take it next week."
2. If Max had a better apartment, he would invite his friends for dinner.
3. If Francis bought a brand-new car, he would be paying it off for a long time.

D (page 100)

Answers will vary. Possible answers follow.

1. If the teacher had come to class early, we could have asked her some questions.
2. If my roommate had not eaten all the food, I would not have gone out to eat.
3. Had the instructor given the assignment next week instead of today, we could have had more time to finish the reading.

E (page 100)

Answers will vary. Possible answers follow.

1. If students had worked harder on improving their English while they were still in high school, they could have avoided taking extra classes in college.
2. If students take the review class offered before a midterm, they usually, on average, score five points higher on the exam.
3. Many students will be on the waiting list for advanced calculus unless more sections are opened up.
4. Janice felt that she would have passed the writing test last spring if she had eaten breakfast the morning of the exam.

F (page 101)

Yesterday we had our last midterm in Psychology 1A before the final exam. It was a difficult exam. The teacher told us that if we studied all the chapters, the exam would be easy. However, it was extraordinarily difficult, for it tested us on what we did not know rather than on what we did know. I honestly feel, in looking back, that even if I had studied more, I would not have done any better on the test. My friend thinks that if she had had more time, she would have done better. She insists that if she plans her time better, she will do well on the final exam, which is in two weeks. If the last midterm were not (OR had not been) so difficult, I would believe her. However, based on that exam, I think that even if I study the chapters and have plenty of time, I will pass, but I will not get an A. In fact, I think that if I studied for a whole year, I still would not get an A on that exam.