

Adverbial clauses of conditions and comparison

Exercise 1. Match the beginnings of the sentences with the endings.

1. You will miss the end of the film	a. you would believe it was real.
2. If you read the instructions,	b. his nose doesn't grow
3. If you didn't know it was computer animation,	c. if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes.
4. I wouldn't have believed it,	d. you will be able to do it yourself.
5. If Pinocchio tells the truth,	e. if you don't stay awake.

Exercise 2. Complete the sentences with unless or provided/providing.

- Most cats will be perfectly OK on their own all day _____ you leave them some food.
- Exams are unfair _____ you can guarantee that no one cheats.
- _____ the fish actually moves, it is virtually impossible to spot it because of its camouflage.
- _____ you don't look too closely, you can't tell the watch is a fake.
- Mike exaggerates, but he's good company _____ you take what he says with a pinch of salt.
- It's impossible to look so wrinkle-free at the age of 72 _____ you've had plastic surgery.

Exercise 3. Combine the sentences using adverbial clauses of comparison. Use the conjunctions in brackets and make any necessary changes.

- The customer service department wasn't helpful. I would expect it was. (more ... than)

- The price of petrol is now quite cheap. It was higher last week. (as ... as)

3. Increasing public awareness is important for the conservation of wildlife.
Implementing strict regulations is also important. (as ... as)
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4. The consequence of hunting endangered animals is severe, but many people may
not think it is. (more ... than)
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ANSWER KEY

Exercise 1.

1-e 2-d 3-a
4-c 5-b

Exercise 2.

1- provided
2- unless
3- Unless
4- Provided
5- provided
6-unless

Exercise 3.

- (1) The customer service department wasn't as helpful as I would expect.
- (2) The price of petrol last week wasn't as cheap as it is now.
- (3) Increasing public awareness is as important for the conservation of wildlife as implementing strict regulations.
- (4) The consequence of hunting endangered animals is more severe than many people may think.