

HYPOTHESIS

1. Supply a suitable verb form or conjunction.

1. If oil prices increased, air travel _____ more expensive. (become)
2. If water is boiled, it _____ into steam. (be transformed)
3. The US geological survey predicted that if the stress on the San Andreas fault increased, there _____ an earthquake of magnitude 5.5 to 6. (be)
4. According to Morrison, the dinosaurs would not have become extinct if an asteroid _____ with the Earth. (not collide)
5. If the red light begins to flash, it _____ that the machine has overheated. (mean)
6. Provided the smoke has been detected, the alarm _____. (go off)
7. If you went by plane, the journey _____ less than an hour. (take)
8. As soon as phosphorus is exposed to ultraviolet light, it _____ luminescent. (become)
9. If Galileo had not withdrawn his claims, he _____. (be burned)
10. You must follow the instructions carefully, otherwise there _____ an accident. (be)
11. _____ you oxygenate the water, those fish will die. (if you do not)

2. Rewrite the sentence using a conditional.

1. It was Malthus who pointed out that there was a link between population growth and the danger of famine.
2. → Malthus warned that if the population continued to grow, _____. (there to be)
3. To become a member of the antarctic research team, it is imperative to be single.
4. → You have to be single if _____. (to want)
5. The continued production of progesterone by the ovaries depends on fertilization taking place.
6. Provided fertilization occurs, _____. (the ovaries)
7. You didn't get the job for one reason; you hadn't got enough experience.
8. If you had had more experience, _____. (you)
9. Selection to go on a Russian space mission entails learning Russian.
10. If you were chosen for the pace mission, _____. (to have to)
11. Millions of people were saved thanks to Penicillin.
Unless they had developed Penicillin, _____. (to die)
12. Pasteur
13. Pasteur realised that if milk was heated, _____. (to be destroyed)
14. Pterosauria had very primitive wings. Scientists assume that they lived on cliffs by the sea as this is the only way to explain they learned to fly.
15. Unless the had lived by the sea, Pterosauria _____. (not to learn)

3. The verbs « DO – MAKE - TAKE » can all have the meaning of perform. But which word should be used?

1. He _____ a major **error** in his calculation.
2. Much more information is required before any **action** can be _____.
3. They have _____ **arrangements** for another meeting early next month.
4. Most of the **damage** was _____ by the fire that followed the explosion.
5. We are getting nowhere. We must _____ a completely different **approach**.
6. There is very **little** that can be _____ to reduce the danger of floods.
7. The sonic boom is caused by the **noise** _____ by the shock wave.
8. It is the government's responsibility to _____ **something about** the shortage of skilled workers.
9. Enormous **progress** has been _____ in metallurgy over the last 50 years.
10. The government is _____ **measures** to improve food safety.

4. Either replace the « if » forms by appropriate terms or put the verbs into the correct form.

1. The radiation level is not dangerous _____ protective clothes are worn. (if)
2. If the water _____ within 24 hours, there will be little danger of contamination. (to be pumped out)
3. The report warned that the Yellow River _____ if they continued to irrigate on this scale. (to dry up)
4. She agreed to come, but only on _____ that they paid the traveling expenses. (if)
5. If passengers had worn seat belts there _____ half the number of road deaths last year. (to be)
6. If a pilot undergoes a force of 4 g for more than a few seconds, the resulting symptoms _____ from visual troubles to total loss of consciousness. (to range)
7. Repairs carried out by the crew would have been impossible if the experiment _____ on an unmanned spacecraft. (to take place)
8. No one knew whether the epidemic _____ or not. (to spread)
9. Heat generation will be so great that it will lead to thermal shock _____ high quality ceramics are employed. (if not)
10. The subject must be willing to co-operate, _____ hypnotic trances seldom occur. (if not)