

. Look at these sentences. They all use 'if. Rewrite each sentence, replacing 'if with the words in bold. You may need to remove some of the other words.

1. You can borrow my dictionary if you return it before you go home. **(providing that)**

a)

2. You can't go to university if you don't have good grades. **(unless)**

a)

3. Pollution will get worse if we continue to live in a throwaway society. **(as long as)**

a)

4. Many developed countries are willing to waive the Third World debt if the money is reinvested in education and medicine. **(on condition that)**

a)

5. Some countries will never be able to rectify their deficits even if they work very hard. **(no matter how)**

a)

6. Computers are difficult things to understand, even if you read a lot of books about them. **(however many)**

a)

7. Crime is a problem, even if you go to relatively safe countries. **(wherever)**

a)

On condition that is the most formal expression, and is generally stronger than the other words and expressions.

ANSWERS

1 . . You can borrow my dictionary if you return it before you go home. **(providing that)**

a) Providing that you return it before you go home, you can borrow my dictionary.

2. You can't go to university if you don't have good grades. **(unless)**

a) Unless you have good grades, you can't go to university.

3. Pollution will get worse if we continue to live in a throwaway society. **(as long as)**

a) As long as we continue to live in a throwaway society, pollution will get worse.

4. Many developed countries are willing to waive the Third World debt if the money is reinvested in education and medicine. **(on condition that)**

a) On condition that the money is reinvested in education and medicine, many developed countries are willing to waive the Third World debt.

5. Some countries will never be able to rectify their deficits even if they work very hard. **(no matter how)**

a) No matter how hard they work, some countries will never be able to rectify their deficits.

6. Computers are difficult things to understand, even if you read a lot of books about them. **(however many)**

a) However many books you read about them, computers are difficult things to understand.

7. Crime is a problem, even if you go to relatively safe countries. **(wherever)**

a) Wherever you go, crime is a problem.

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