

## Exercises

### 38.1 Complete the sentences. Choose from:

did    dropped    found    happened    lost    was    went

- 1 If you ... found ... a wallet in the street, what would you do with it?
- 2 Be careful with that vase. If you ..... it, it would break into small pieces.
- 3 This notebook is very important to me. I'd be very upset if I ..... it.
- 4 I don't expect to lose my job but if that ..... , I'd have to find another one.
- 5 We're thinking about our holiday for next year. If we ..... to Italy, would you come with us?
- 6 I don't think he'll fail the exam. I'd be very surprised if he .....
- 7 If there ..... a fire in the building, would you know how to put the fire out?

### 38.2 What do you say in these situations?

- 1 Of course you don't expect to win the lottery. Which do you say?  
 a If I win the lottery, I'll buy a big house.   
 b If I won the lottery, I'd buy a big house.  (b is correct)
- 2 You're not going to sell your car because it's old and not worth much. Which do you say?  
 a If I sell my car, I won't get much money for it.   
 b If I sold my car, I wouldn't get much money for it.
- 3 You often see Sarah. A friend of yours wants to contact her. Which do you say?  
 a If I see Sarah, I'll tell her to call you.   
 b If I saw Sarah, I'd tell her to call you.
- 4 You don't expect that there will be a fire in the building. Which do you say?  
 a What will you do if there is a fire in the building?   
 b What would you do if there was a fire in the building?
- 5 You've never lost your passport. You can only imagine it.  
 a I don't know what I'll do if I lose my passport.   
 b I don't know what I'd do if I lost my passport.
- 6 Somebody stops you and asks the way to a bank. Which do you say?  
 a If you go right at the end of this street, you'll see a bank on your left.   
 b If you went right at the end of this street, you'd see a bank on your left.
- 7 You're in a lift. There is an emergency button. Nobody is going to press it. Which do you say?  
 a What will happen if somebody presses that button?   
 b What would happen if somebody pressed that button?

### 38.3 Complete the sentences.

- 1 I'd be very scared if ... somebody pointed ... (somebody / point) a gun at me.
- 2 I can't afford to buy a car. If ..... (I / buy) a car, I'd have to borrow the money.
- 3 If you had a party, who ..... (you / invite)?
- 4 Don't lend James your car. If ..... (he / ask) me, I wouldn't lend him mine.
- 5 I don't think Gary and Emma will get married. .... (I / be) amazed if they did.
- 6 If ..... (somebody / give) me \$20,000, .... (I / have) a long holiday.
- 7 ..... (you / be) nervous if ..... (you / meet) a famous person?
- 8 What ..... (you / do) if ..... (you / be) in a lift and ..... (it / stop) between floors?

### 38.4 Write sentences beginning If ...

- 1 We're not going to take the 10.30 train. (we / arrive too early)  
 If we took the 10.30 train, we'd arrive too early.
- 2 We're not going to stay at a hotel. (it / cost too much)  
 If we ..... , it .....
- 3 There's no point in telling you what happened. (you / not / believe)  
 If I .....
- 4 Sally has no plans to leave her job. (it / hard to find another one)  
 If she .....
- 5 Kevin is not going to apply for the job. (he / not / get it).

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### 39.1 Put the verb into the correct form.

- 1 If ... I knew ... (I / know) his number, I would phone him.
- 2 ... I wouldn't buy ... (I / not / buy) that coat if I were you.
- 3 ... (I / help) you if I could, but I'm afraid I can't.
- 4 This soup isn't very nice. .... (it / taste) better if it wasn't so salty.
- 5 We live in a city and don't need a car, but we would need one if ... (we / live) in the country.
- 6 If we had the choice, .... (we / live) in the country.
- 7 I'd make a lot of changes if .... (I / be) the manager of the company.
- 8 I wouldn't call someone in the middle of the night if .... (it / not / be) important.
- 9 If I were you, .... (I / not / wait). .... (I / go) now.
- 10 You're always tired because you go to bed so late. If .... to bed so late every night, .... (you / not / go) .... (you / not / be) tired all the time.
- 11 I think there are too many cars. If .... (there / not / be) so many cars, .... (there / not / be) so much pollution.
- 12 We all need jobs and money, but what .... (you / do) if .... (you / not / have) to work?

### 39.2 Write a sentence with **if ...** for each situation.

- 1 We don't see you very often because you live so far away.  
If you didn't live so far away, we'd see you more often.
- 2 I like these shoes but they're too expensive, so I'm not going to buy them.  
I .... them if .... so ....
- 3 We'd like to go on holiday, but we can't afford it.  
We .... if ....
- 4 It would be nice to have lunch outside but it's raining, so we can't.  
We ....
- 5 I don't want his advice, and that's why I'm not going to ask for it.  
If ....

### 39.3 Write sentences beginning **I wish ...**

- 1 I don't know many people (and I'm lonely). I wish I knew more people.
- 2 I don't have much free time (and I need more). I wish ....
- 3 Helen isn't here (and I need to see her). ....
- 4 It's cold (and I hate cold weather). ....
- 5 I live in a big city (and I don't like it). ....
- 6 I can't find my phone (which is a problem). ....
- 7 I'm not feeling well (which isn't good). ....
- 8 I have to get up early tomorrow (but I'd prefer to sleep late).  
....
- 9 I don't know much about science (and I should know more).  
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### 39.4 Write your own sentences beginning **I wish ...**

- 1 (somewhere you'd like to be now – on the beach, in New York, in bed etc.)  
I wish ....
- 2 (something you'd like to have – a motorbike, more friends, lots of money etc.)  
....
- 3 (something you'd like to be able to do – sing, travel more, cook etc.)  
....
- 4 (something you'd like to be – famous, more intelligent, good at sport etc.)  
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