

DAY 34: Conditional sentences 4

1 Read each sentence. Decide if each explanation, A and B, is true (T) or false (F).

- 0 Gary could have been a famous footballer if he was more prepared to train hard.
 A Gary isn't a famous footballer. *T*..... B Gary doesn't like training hard. *T*.....
- 1 If Manfred's parents had moved to the UK, he might speak English now.
 A Manfred's parents moved to the UK. B Manfred doesn't speak English.
- 2 If Noel and Jim had talked to each other more, they could still be friends today.
 A They didn't talk to each other enough. B They are still friends.
- 3 If Juliet didn't believe her son's story, she might have called the police.
 A Juliet doesn't believe her son's story. B Juliet called the police.
- 4 Joan might look really old now if she hadn't had cosmetic surgery.
 A Joan has had cosmetic surgery. B Joan doesn't look very old.
- 5 Helen would have found a husband years ago if she wanted to get married.
 A Helen wants to get married. B Helen has found a husband.

2 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Read the conversations and choose the correct words in *italics*.

▶ 3.47 Listen and check.

- 0 A I hear you lost that new laptop computer you'd bought.
 B Yes, it was stolen. I feel really stupid now – I'd still have the computer and all my work on it if I *hadn't left* / *didn't leave* the bathroom window open.
- 1 A Mum, can I play with my Xbox?
 B Yes, go on. What *would you do* / *would you have done* in the evenings if they hadn't invented the Xbox?
- 2 A Why are you here? I thought Jenny said that you'd cancelled the meeting?
 B Well, no. If I *cancelled* / *had cancelled* the meeting, I wouldn't be here now, would I?
- 3 A We've just bought a flatscreen TV.
 B But you've already got one.
 A No, if we already had one, we *wouldn't buy* / *wouldn't have bought* one, would we?
- 4 A Gary said that his brother was very lazy.
 B Neil, lazy? No, if that was true, I *didn't marry* / *wouldn't have married* him all those years ago!
- 5 A Do you have any regrets about getting married when you were very young?
 B Of course not! If we *didn't get married* / *hadn't got married* when we were young, we *couldn't enjoy* / *wouldn't have enjoyed* all our grandchildren and great-grandchildren now.

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3 Write conditional sentences, using the words in brackets. Use *could* or *might* if possible.**🔊 3.48 Listen and check.**

- 0 There might have been more wars in recent years if (the United Nations / exist).
There might have been more wars in recent years if the United Nations didn't exist...
- 1 If von Ohain and Whittle hadn't invented the jet engine we (have / mass air travel / today).
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- 2 We wouldn't all use Windows today if (Bill Gates / start / Microsoft).
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- 3 If there were still a lot of racial problems in the US, (they / elect / Barack Obama).
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- 4 Fewer African people would have died if (we / have / a cure for malaria).
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- 5 If Tim Berners-Lee hadn't created the World Wide Web, (the world / be / very different).
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