

CONDITIONAL SENTENCES – TYPES ZERO, 1 AND 2

1 Complete the sentences with the zero, first or second conditional of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 a When people (not do) enough exercise, they (often/put on) weight.
- b I put on weight quite easily. I (get) really fat if I (not do) any exercise,
- c You ought to do some physical exercise. If you (not start) going to the gym, you (soon/put on) weight.
- 2 a This city (be) less polluted if more people (cycle) to work. The main problem is that there aren't enough cycle lanes for people to use.
- b If I (feel) energetic enough, I (cycle) to work tomorrow.
- c If a city (have) plenty of cycle lanes, it (normally/have) less pollution.
- 3 a When an animal (be) in danger of extinction, human activity (be) usually to blame.
- b The Spanish lynx (become) extinct unless we (do) more to protect it.
- c The situation for rare animals (be) even worse if organisations like the World Wide Fund for Nature (not exist).

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?