

# 7.2

## Grammar

### Second Conditional

#### VIDEO



#### A DILEMMA

Abe: Yay, a party invite! Oh no!  
 Bea: Hi, Abe!  
 Abe: Hiya. I can't go to the end-of-term party on Saturday.  
 Bea: Why not?  
 Abe: Because if I went to the party, I wouldn't be able to meet my mum at the airport. My dad wouldn't be very happy with me if I did that.  
 Bea: Oh! That's true. And I think you'd feel bad if you didn't meet her.  
 Abe: I guess you're right. I do miss her. What would you do if you were me?  
 Bea: If I were you, I'd try to go to both. What time does your mum arrive?  
 Abe: She arrives at 9.00. The party starts at 8.00.  
 Bea: Yeah, it's complicated.  
 Abe: It's impossible!  
 Bea: How would your mum react if you told her about the party?  
 Abe: She'd tell me to go to the party, of course.  
 On Saturday ...  
 Dad: The airport, then?  
 Abe: The airport!  
 Dad: Are you sure? Mum would understand if you chose to go to that party.  
 Abe: I know, but I never listen to my parents, remember?



4 7.6 Complete the Second Conditional sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Listen and check.

- 1 If I had (have) enough time, I \_\_\_\_\_ (help).
- 2 If you \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) carefully, you \_\_\_\_\_ (understand).
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ (you/go) to the beach if you \_\_\_\_\_ (be) free today?
- 4 He \_\_\_\_\_ (not come) here if he \_\_\_\_\_ (not want) to.
- 5 What \_\_\_\_\_ (you/do) if you \_\_\_\_\_ (earn) a lot of money?
- 6 I \_\_\_\_\_ (phone) your dad if I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) you.

5 What would you do if you were Abe? Why? Discuss in pairs.

- 1 Look at the photo of Abe looking at an end-of-term party invitation. How do you think he feels? Why?
- 2 34 7.5 Watch or listen and check your ideas from Exercise 1. What does Abe decide to do?
- 3 Study the Grammar box. Find more examples of the Second Conditional in the dialogue.

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If her flight arrived earlier, I'd be able to go to the airport.  
 What would you do if you were me?

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#### VIDEO



#### WIDER WORLD

6 35 Watch four people talking about different situations. How do they complete the sentences below?

- 1 If my friend phoned when I was busy, ...
- 2 If there was a big wedding in our family, ...
- 3 If I was late for a family meal, my parents ...
- 4 I'd be very worried if ...
- 5 It would be a nightmare for me if ...

7 Finish the sentences in Exercise 6 to make them true for you. In pairs, compare your ideas.

*If my friend phoned when I was busy, I'd probably talk to her. What about you?*