

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

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

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?

GRAMMAR ➤ Second Conditional

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