

GRAMMAR

Second conditional: *would, could and might; if only and wish*

1 Match the beginnings and ends of the sentences.

- 1 I'd tour the world on a bicycle _____
- 2 If I were rich, _____
- 3 I could help you with your project _____
- 4 If I wasn't busy this weekend, _____
- 5 I wouldn't go to school every day _____
- 6 If recycling wasn't so important, _____
- a I'd buy an expensive car.
- b if I could get enough time off work.
- c if you wanted me to.
- d I might go to the cinema.
- e I wouldn't do it.
- f if I didn't have to.

2 Complete the second conditional sentences with the verbs in brackets. Sometimes more than one modal verb (*could, would or might*) is possible.

- 1 If we _____ (recycle) more glass and paper, we _____ (save) more energy.
- 2 Those noisy kids _____ (go) outside if the weather _____ (not be) so bad.
Who knows!
- 3 You _____ (do) better in your exams if you _____ (work) a bit harder.
- 4 He _____ (write) to her if he _____ (know) her email address.
- 5 If we _____ (not have) to go to school today, we _____ (go) to the beach or maybe to the park.
- 6 If she _____ (stop) using her tablet an hour before going to bed, she _____ (sleep) better. It's worth trying.
- 7 We _____ (be) lost if we _____ (not have) our mobile phones with us.
- 8 Global warming _____ (be) slowed if all the governments in the world _____ (make) an effort. They should try at least!
- 9 It _____ (be) much easier to recycle all our rubbish if we _____ (have) different bins for everything.
- 10 If I _____ (work) every Saturday morning from now to my exams, I _____ (be) able to go on holiday with my friends in the summer. It's a possibility.
- 11 If Maria _____ (smile) and _____ (chat) a bit more with people, she _____ (make) more friends.
- 12 Mum and Dad always say we _____ (save) thousands if my brother and I _____ (turn) off the lights more often!

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box.

be / rich be / sunny can / get to sleep
~~have / an umbrella~~ not be / closed
 not play / loud music speak / Chinese

- 0 It's pouring down. I wish *I had an umbrella*.
- 1 I'd love a Ferrari. If only _____
- 2 I'm so worried about the test tomorrow.
If only _____
- 3 We'd love to go to the beach today.
If only _____
- 4 Oh, I'm too late to do the shopping.
I wish the supermarket _____
- 5 I don't understand a word on this holiday.
I wish _____
- 6 These new neighbours are nice, but I wish _____

4 Correct the mistakes in four of the sentences. Which one is correct?

- 1 If everyone stops using so much plastic, climate change might slow down.
- 2 I would be grateful if you correct your errors.
- 3 I wish you will send me the answers.
- 4 I can't afford to go to the concert. If only I had more money!
- 5 There's not a lot for young people to do, so it could be good if you invented something!

VOCABULARY

Alternatives to *if*

1 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 1 *Assuming / Even if* more wind farms are built in the next few years, electricity should get cheaper.
- 2 She wouldn't invite him to her party *assuming / even if* he asked her.
- 3 I'll buy some new trainers *as long as / even if* they aren't too expensive.
- 4 You may go to the pool without an adult *provided that / even if* you are over 14 years old.
- 5 *As long as / Even if* we had enough oil to last another 100 years, we should still try to find alternative forms of energy.
- 6 You'll save a lot of electricity *as long as / even if* you follow the recommendations in this article.