

GRAMMAR 7 CONDITIONALS

1 Complete each sentence with a suitable form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 Now we're lost! If you (write down) **had written down** Mary's directions, this (not/happen)
- 2 Why don't we emigrate? If we (live) in Australia, at least the weather (be) better!
- 3 I'm afraid that Smith is a hardened criminal. If we (not/punish) him this time, he (only/commit) more crimes.
- 4 Thanks to Dr Jones, I'm still alive! If it (not/be) for her, I (be) dead for certain.
- 5 I'm sorry I can't lend you any money. You know that if I (have) it, I (lend) it to you.
- 6 Don't be afraid. If you (touch) the dog, it (not/bite)
- 7 In those days, if you (have) a job, you (be) lucky.
- 8 It's always the same! If I (decide) to leave the office early, my boss (call) me after I've left!
- 9 What a terrible thing to happen! Just think, if we (not/miss) the plane, we (kill) in the crash.
- 10 Did you enjoy your meal? If you (finish) eating, I (clear away) the plates.

2 Correct any verb forms which are impossible or inappropriate.

- 1 If you haven't received a letter yet, you haven't got the job. **possible**.
- 2 If it isn't for David, we are missing the bus.
- 3 If it's raining, we go to the pub on the corner instead.
- 4 If you didn't lend us the money, we would have gone to the bank.
- 5 If you should happen to change your mind, drop me a line.
- 6 If it wasn't for the rain, we would have been home by now.
- 7 If you will drive so fast, no wonder the police keep stopping you.
- 8 If I knew you were coming, I would have met you at the airport.
- 9 But for you helped us, we would have taken much longer.
- 10 If Jack joins the team, I'm leaving.

ADVANCED LANGUAGE PRACTICE

3 Read each sentence and decide which ending (A, B or C) best fits each space.

- 1 If you'd told me you were coming
 - A I can get some food in.
 - B I'd have found us something to eat. ✓
 - C I made a lovely dish.
- 2 If you're too ill to come
 - A I'll come over and see you.
 - B I wouldn't have done all this for you.
 - C I asked someone else.
- 3 If I'd known you weren't coming
 - A I wouldn't be very upset.
 - B I would like to know why.
 - C I wouldn't have gone to so much trouble.
- 4 If you're not coming
 - A perhaps you'd have the courtesy to tell me.
 - B we'd never have met.
 - C you'd be so lucky.
- 5 If only you'd come
 - A I'll be the happiest girl alive.
 - B I'd have had a lovely time.
 - C I would look forward to it.
- 6 If you do decide to come
 - A the party's always a success.
 - B I won't be coming either.
 - C let me know.
- 7 If you really don't want to come
 - A I'll understand.
 - B I can't be sure.
 - C tell me tomorrow.

4 Complete each sentence with a phrase containing a suitable form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 If I were (say) *to say!* loved you, what would you do?
- 2 If it (rain) I would have gone out for a walk.
- 3 If only you'd told me it was a surprise party, I (say) anything to Uncle Dave!
- 4 Thanks for your help with the garden; I (do) it without you.
- 5 If only Mick had come to the disco, then we (have) a great time!
- 6 (pay) the phone bill today, the phone will be cut off.
- 7 If I (had) your tools, I wouldn't have been able to fix the car.
- 8 Those wires look a bit dangerous; (touch) if I were you.
- 9 If (be) the goalkeeper's heroics, we would have lost the match.