

## DAY 34: Conditional sentences 4

### 1 Read each sentence. Decide if each explanation, A and B, is true (T) or false (F).

- 0 Gary could have been a famous footballer if he was more prepared to train hard.  
A Gary isn't a famous footballer.  T ..... B Gary doesn't like training hard.  T .....
- 1 If Manfred's parents had moved to the UK, he might speak English now.  
A Manfred's parents moved to the UK. ..... B Manfred doesn't speak English. .....
- 2 If Noel and Jim had talked to each other more, they could still be friends today.  
A They didn't talk to each other enough. ..... B They are still friends. .....
- 3 If Juliet didn't believe her son's story, she might have called the police.  
A Juliet doesn't believe her son's story. ..... B Juliet called the police. .....
- 4 Joan might look really old now if she hadn't had cosmetic surgery.  
A Joan has had cosmetic surgery. ..... B Joan doesn't look very old. .....
- 5 Helen would have found a husband years ago if she wanted to get married.  
A Helen wants to get married. ..... B Helen has found a husband. .....

### 2 GRAMMAR IN USE Read the conversations and choose the correct words in *italics*.

#### 3.47 Listen and check.

- 0 A I hear you lost that new laptop computer you'd bought.  
B Yes, it was stolen. I feel really stupid now – I'd still have the computer and all my work on it if I *hadn't left / didn't leave* the bathroom window open.
- 1 A Mum, can I play with my Xbox?  
B Yes, go on. *What would you do / would you have done* in the evenings if they hadn't invented the Xbox?
- 2 A Why are you here? I thought Jenny said that you'd cancelled the meeting?  
B Well, no. If I *cancelled / had cancelled* the meeting, I wouldn't be here now, would I?
- 3 A We've just bought a flatscreen TV.  
B But you've already got one.  
A No, if we already had one, we *wouldn't buy / wouldn't have bought* one, would we?
- 4 A Gary said that his brother was very lazy.  
B Neil, lazy? No, if that was true, I *didn't marry / wouldn't have married* him all those years ago!
- 5 A Do you have any regrets about getting married when you were very young?  
B Of course not! If we *didn't get married / hadn't got married* when we were young, we *couldn't enjoy / wouldn't have enjoyed* all our grandchildren and great-grandchildren now.

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**3** Write conditional sentences, using the words in brackets. Use *could* or *might* if possible.**3.48** Listen and check.

0 There might have been more wars in recent years if (the United Nations / exist).

*There might have been more wars in recent years if the United Nations didn't exist ...*

1 If von Ohain and Whittle hadn't invented the jet engine we (have / mass air travel / today).

2 We wouldn't all use Windows today if (Bill Gates / start / Microsoft).

3 If there were still a lot of racial problems in the US, (they / elect / Barack Obama).

4 Fewer African people would have died if (we / have / a cure for malaria).

5 If Tim Berners-Lee hadn't created the World Wide Web, (the world / be / very different).