

## PRACTICE

A. Complete the text using the most suitable tense of one of the verbs below. One verb may be used twice.

guess • have • work • recognise • erupt • stop • seem • miss • go

Dear Nicola,

How are you? Thanks a lot for the photos – your sister has grown up so much that I

(1) ..... her if you hadn't told me which one she was.

I've been really busy at college all day and working at the café most nights. I know I'd have more time to study if I (2) ..... , but then I (3) ..... enough money to go on the field trip next month. We're going to Sicily and we'll be able to go up Mt Etna if it (4) ..... in the meantime. If we're lucky, we (5) ..... time for some shopping and sunbathing in between completing our projects on the local geology. Our department is really good about organising trips like this. If I'd done geography (my first choice), I (6) ..... anywhere this year. And if I didn't have the trip to look forward to, it (7) ..... a very long term. I can tell you.

What else? Well, Phil's so-called surprise party was great fun. He (8) ..... never ..... what we were up to, but we had to tell him because he was planning to go home for the weekend, so he (9) ..... the whole thing!

Anyway, I'd better not waffle on anymore – I'll miss my next lecture if I (10) ..... writing now!

Love,

Gail

B. Match each phrase in colour with the phrase that best describes its function.

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| 1. If you've ever worked as a waitress, you'll know what I mean.       | ..... a. chance possibility   |
| 2. If I were you, I'd get the car seen to before going on holiday.     | ..... b. emphasising that something is unlikely                       |
| 3. If I were to emigrate to Australia, would I find work?              | ..... c. giving advice  |
| 4. If you would like to join us, you'd be very welcome.                | ...f... d. emphasising experience                                     |
| 5. If it hadn't been for the driver, we wouldn't have made it on time. | ..... e. making a polite offer  |
| 6. If you happen to find their website, will you let me know?          | ..... f. showing that one action depended on another action or person |

C. MIXED CONDITIONALS Write one conditional sentence for each situation below, beginning as shown. Each situation will require mixed tenses.

- Elizabeth is making a fortune now because she invested her money at the right time.  
If Elizabeth .....
- Simon is still ill. Otherwise, he would already have sent the invitations.  
If Simon .....
- Janice must be clever. She solved the puzzle so quickly.  
If Janice .....
- I was standing at that bus stop when I met Pete. Now we're married.  
I wouldn't .....



D. Complete the sentences with the correct word or phrase below.

if so    if not    were to    if correct    otherwise    provided that  
in case    were not for    happen to    but for

- Are you looking for a hotel off the beaten track? ..... If so ..... Pine Forest Lodge is the place for you.
- ..... our tour guide, we would have got dreadfully lost in the big city.
- Will you be using the car tonight? ..... , would you mind if I borrow it?
- We'd better set off early ..... we encounter traffic on the motorway.
- If it ..... breeding programmes in zoos, some species would already be extinct.
- He agreed to star in the movie ..... he received a percentage of the profits.
- What would happen to low-lying cities like London if the sea level ..... rise dramatically?
- Please let me know if you ..... see my address book lying around somewhere.
- Send your competition entry to the address below. .... , you could win a brand new car.
- It's important that students complete their coursework independently. .... , fair assessment becomes impossible.



E. Rewrite the following sentences without the word *if*, beginning as shown.

- If the wound becomes infected, you'll need to take antibiotics.  
Should .....
- If I were to be chosen as team captain, I'd do my best to get everyone training together.  
Were .....
- I might have got the scholarship if I'd applied for it.  
Had .....
- Unemployment would be reduced if the government were to reduce taxes on small businesses.  
Were .....
- Please give Jenny my regards if you happen to see her.  
Should .....
- We shouldn't have tried to fix the machinery ourselves because the repairs cost more in the end.  
Had .....

F. Rewrite the following sentences in two different ways, beginning as shown.

- We will only be willing to take part in the conference if our expenses are paid.  
As .....  
We won't be .....
- I could have finished sooner with a little help from you.  
I would have been .....  
Had .....
- If Tracy insists on eating junk food, she can't expect to have clear skin.  
Unless .....  
If Tracy .....
- If you ever get the chance to come to Greece, you can stay with us.  
Should .....  
If you happen .....
- Would you take freelance work if it was offered to you?  
Supposing .....  
Were you .....
- The driver's quick reaction prevented a tragedy.  
If it .....  
But .....