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6B: Never smile at a crocodile

1 GRAMMAR *if* + past, *would* + base form

a Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

1 If I *had* (have) a car, I *would drive* (drive) to work.

2 If I _____ (see) a snake, I _____ (be) terrified!

3 I _____ (not know) what to do if I _____ (find) a mouse in my kitchen.

4 What _____ you _____ (do) if you _____ (lose) your job?

5 If my sister _____ (be) older, she _____ (come) with me to the party.

6 My parents _____ (buy) a bigger house if they _____ (have) more money.

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b Reorder the words to complete the sentences and questions.

1 I'd / shark / be / frightened / very

If I saw a _____ *shark, I'd be very frightened* _____.

2 saw / you / a / fire / if / do / you / would

What _____?

3 he / if / sailing / could / swim

He'd go _____.

4 new / lottery / clothes / won / she'd / lots of / the / buy

If she _____.

5 couldn't / if / would / do / they / people / watch / TV

What _____?

6 if / go / the / were / to / doctor / I / you

I'd _____.

4 READING

a Read the first part of the text and check (✓) the things *you* would do.



Bear attack!

If you were hiking in the North American wilderness and you saw a bear coming slowly toward you, what would you do?

"I'd talk to it quietly."	☐	"I'd climb a tree."	☐
"I'd walk away slowly."	☐	"I'd pretend to be dead."	☐
"I'd try not to look at it."	☐	"I'd pepper spray its eyes."	☐
"I'd make a loud noise."	☐	"I'd try to fight it."	☐
"I'd run."	☐		

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b Now read the rest of the article. Which sentence is the best summary?

1 There's nothing you can do if a bear attacks you.
2 There are lots of things you can do if a bear attacks you.
3 Bears always try to avoid people.

Well, all of these are possible – the best thing to do depends on the mood that the bear is in. If it comes toward you slowly, experts say you should talk to it quietly, walk away as slowly as possible, and don't look the bear in the eye. It might lose interest.

If not... then be aggressive, make a noise, and wave your hands. If that doesn't work, and the bear continues to come toward you, then run. But only if you are sure that you can reach somewhere safe before the bear reaches you. And remember that a bear can run as fast as an Olympic sprinter. Don't climb a tree. Bears climb them all day long, and they can climb better than you can. Water is also not safe. Bears love water and are excellent swimmers. If your car is nearby, try to get inside.

If a bear attacks you, then you can pretend to be dead. Bears who don't want to eat you may lose interest and go away. If you have pepper spray, then spray it in the bear's face. This works 75% of the time. The final possibility is to fight back. Most bears are much bigger and stronger than you, but they may be surprised.

Our final advice? It's much better to avoid bears than to do any of the things above...

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