

Exercise 9

Read the information. Then complete the conversation with the correct verb forms.

First and second conditionals – talking about the future

- We use the first conditional to talk about things that are **likely** in the future (e.g. *If you **do** X, Y **will** happen*).
- We use the second conditional to talk about things that are **unlikely** in the future (e.g. *If you **did** X, Y **would** happen*).
- We don't normally mix first and second conditionals in one sentence (e.g. *If you **do** X, Y ~~would~~ happen*).
- We don't normally use *will* or *would* in the *if*-clause.
- We often use the first conditional to show that we think something is a good idea (e.g. *If we **do** that, it'll be great*).
- We often use the second conditional to show that we think something is a bad idea (e.g. *If we **did** that it'd be terrible*).

Andy: The local theatre has money problems. I've heard that if the owners don't find/ didn't find/ won't find £100,000 by the end of the year, it's probably going to close.

Bella: Oh, that's terrible. If the theatre closed/ closes/ would close, it'll be really bad for the town.

Charlotte: I know it sounds unlikely, but if we could/ we'll / we'd raise some money, maybe we could save the theatre.

Bella: That's a great idea. For example, if we organize/ we organized/ we'd organize a comedy festival in the theatre, we could sell tickets.

Andy: I'm not sure. Even if we sold a thousand tickets for £10, we only raise/ we'd only raise/ we'll only raise £10,000. It wouldn't be enough.

Charlotte: That's true, but I still think we should do it. If a thousand people have a great time at the festival, maybe they started/ they'll start/ they'd start going to the theatre more often.

Bella: Exactly. If that happened/ that happens/ that'll happen, the theatre will be able to continue for many years.

Andy: You're right. How many people would come if the tickets for the comedy festival is/ were/ would be free?

Bella: Thousands. But we wouldn't make any money at all if we did / we do/ we'd do that!

Andy: No, but if they all decided/ they all decide/ they'll all decide to come back to the theatre every week, the theatre would make millions!