

Conditional sentences with *would* and *wouldn't*

1 Complete the sentences with *would* or *wouldn't*.

- a I like working. If I didn't have a job, I would soon get bored.
- b I'm very happy in the city: I would enjoy living in the country – it's too quiet!
- c My sister is very honest. If she found some money in the street, I'm sure she would take it to the police.
- d I would like to be famous: I'm quite happy as I am!
- e Nobody has read the fire instructions: if there were a fire, they wouldn't know what to do.
- f We can't go to Asia by bus because the journey wouldn't take much too long.
- g If I could live my life again, I would change anything.
- h It's a pity Mark isn't here. He wouldn't know what to do.

2 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense to make conditional sentences.

- a I'm sorry, I don't know. If I knew (know) the answer, I would tell (tell) you.
- b If I had enough money (not/work), we wouldn't have (not/have) enough money to live.
- c I'm sure you would feel (feel) better if you wouldn't get up (not/get up) so late.
- d If you could (can) meet a famous person from history, who would you like (like) to talk to?
- e I don't know what I would do (do) if you wouldn't be (be/not) here to help me.
- f If I had a lot of money (have) a lot of money, I would take you (take) you on an expensive holiday.



- g If everyone spoke (speak) the same language, do you think life would be (be) better?
- h If you had twenty brothers and sisters (have) twenty brothers and sisters, think how many birthday presents you would get (get)!

might or *would*

3 a Match the beginnings of the sentences in A with the endings in B.

- | A | B |
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| 1 He might help you | I'd go to Florida. |
| 2 She wouldn't go out with him | if you were more polite to him. |
| 3 If I could go on holiday anywhere in the world, | you might sleep better. |
| 4 Robert might do better at school | if he didn't have so much money. |
| 5 If you told her the truth, | if he did his homework regularly. |
| 6 If you didn't drink so much coffee before going to bed, | she might get very angry. |

b T15.1 Listen and check. Practise saying the sentences.

4 Tick (✓) the correct sentence for each situation below.

- 1 Someone asks you to help them to translate a newspaper article into your language. Unfortunately, the newspaper article is in Chinese – a language you don't speak or understand. What do you say?
 a I'll help you if I can.
 b I'd help if I could. ✓
- 2 Someone asks about your plans for tomorrow. You're not sure yet – you're either going to the beach or to the cinema – it depends on the weather. What do you say?
 a If the weather's good, I'll go to the beach.
 b If the weather was good, I'd go to the beach.
- 3 You're on holiday at the seaside. The beach is very nice, but unfortunately the weather isn't very good – it's cloudy and the temperature is only 12°C. Someone asks if you're enjoying yourself. What do you say?
 a I'd be happier if the weather were better.
 b I'll be happier if we have better weather.
- 4 You invite a friend to go to a club with you, but she's got an exam tomorrow, so she can't come. What does she say to you?
 a I'll come if I don't have an exam.
 b I'd come if I didn't have an exam.
- 5 A taxi driver is driving you very slowly to the station. Your train leaves in five minutes. What do you say to him?
 a If we don't go faster, I'll miss the train.
 b If we didn't go faster, I'd miss the train.
- 6 A friend asks you to drive her home from a party, but your car is at home, so you can't help her. What do you say?
 a Sorry, if I have my car, I'll take you home.
 b Sorry, if I had my car, I'd take you home.
- 7 You see a child crossing the road reading a book. What do you say to the child?
 a If you're not careful, you'll have an accident.
 b If you weren't careful, you'd have an accident.

will and would

5 Circle the best form in each sentence, as in the example.

- a I wouldn't / won't do that if I were you!
- b Goodbye, everybody! I'd / I'll see you all next week.
- c I'd / I'll help you if I had more time.
- d What time will / would you be back from work this evening?
- e I won't / wouldn't be surprised if they won the competition.
- f Sorry, I can't speak now. I'd / I'll phone you back later.
- g I'll / I'd be here until 6 o'clock if you need anything.
- h Life will / would be so much easier if people worked together.
- i If my mother were here, I'm sure she'd / she'll know what to do.

Short answers with will and would

Will you / (s)he / it / we be at home?

Yes, I / (s)he / it / we will.

No, I / (s)he / it / we won't.

Would you / (s)he / it / we work?

Yes, I / (s)he / it / we would.

No, I / (s)he / it / we wouldn't.

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6 Write short answers to these questions.

- a Would you travel to another planet if you had the opportunity? Yes, I would.
- b Will your brother be at home if I phone this evening? No, _____.
- c Would you like to be Prime Minister of your country? No, _____.
- d Will we have time for lunch when we get there? Yes, _____.
- e If you won the lottery, would you give up work? Yes, _____.
- f Would you move to a bigger house if you had the money? No, _____.
- g If Kate and Roger get married, do you think they'll be happy? Yes, _____.
- h If a stranger offered you £1,000 to carry a bag onto an aeroplane, would you do it? No, _____.