

3 Match each *if* clause with two main clauses from A–L below. Then complete the main clauses, using the words in brackets, as in the example. Use modal verbs if appropriate.

3.21 Listen and check.

- 0 If Bill Gates hadn't been in the right place at the right time, *B. E.*
 1 If athletes today didn't take their training so seriously,
 2 If the internal combustion engine hadn't been invented,
 3 If scientists hadn't discovered how to build an atomic bomb,
 4 If it weren't possible for scientists to isolate individual genes,
 5 If the printing press had not been invented,
 A the elimination of hereditary diseases feasible. (not/be)
 B he *wouldn't be* one of the richest men in the world now. (not/be)
 C Hiroshima and Nagasaki (not/be/destroyed)
 D it possible to extend education to most people. (not/become)
 E Microsoft *wouldn't have become* a household name. (not/become)
 F much of our history unknown to us. (be)
 G sport so exciting to watch. (not/be)
 H the motor car (never/be/developed)
 I the debate around modified crops an issue. (not/be)
 J we probably such a problem with carbon emissions. (not/have)
 K the world a more secure and peaceful place. (be)
 L they so many records in recent years. (not/break)

4 GRAMMAR IN USE Complete the conditional sentences 1–5 from the information given, as in the example. **3.22** Listen and check.

- 0 Governments would take the problem more seriously *if there were more international pressure*
 1 If it were to rain,
 2 The tourist industry might
 3 If the governments involved
 4 There might be more
 5 Current attempts to fight the fires would have been

South-East Asia faces new smog crisis

FOREST FIRES are breaking out all over south-east Asia.

(0) Governments are not taking the problem seriously because of a lack of international pressure.

(1) Only heavy rain can avert the crisis. Unfortunately, the forecast is for the weather to remain hot and dry for the foreseeable future.

(2) The government stopped releasing pollution levels in June because it didn't want to frighten off tourists. The tourist industry has not yet suffered.

(3) The governments involved didn't take positive action after the previous disaster. Environmentalists think this is why the current crisis has happened.

(4) One of the problems is that few of the countries affected have a Ministry of the Environment, so there is no serious environmental protection.

(5) The failure of governments to build reliable water supply networks in rural areas is a major reason why current attempts to fight the fires have been so ineffective.