Empower B2 U8A

1 GRAMMAR
First and second conditionals

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses. Use contractions where possible.

1 If the weather _____is_____ (be) nice again tomorrow, I _____'ll go_____ (go) for a walk.

2 If money _____ (grow) on trees, inflation _____ (be) very high.

3 I _____ (make) the coffee if you _____ (cook) the eggs.

4 I _____ (go) to Ancient Greece if I _____ (can travel) back in time.

5 If I _____ (be) you, I _____ (tell) the truth.

6 If I _____ (can't find) my blue tie, I _____ (wear) the red one instead.

7 So _____ (take) a taxi if you _____ (be) in a hurry.

8 If today _____ (be) Saturday, I _____ (stay) in bed for a couple more hours.

2 VOCABULARY Money and finance

Complete the text with the words in the box.

aside	budget	charge	debt	donations	finance
grant	income	investment	~~living~~	pay	rate

John Roberts made a [1]____living____ as a fisherman working for a big fishing company. However, John always wanted to have his own boat and business, so he put [2]_____ savings for years, and when the interest [3]_____ was low, he went to a bank. The bank checked the [4]_____ that John had prepared showing sales vs. costs and then agreed to [5]_____ the project. This meant John now had a very large [6]_____, but he considered the boat a sound [7]_____. Unfortunately, business became more difficult because of overfishing and environmental damage. John's [8]_____ dropped lower and lower, and he was struggling just to [9]_____ off the interest on his loan. Before long, the bank was starting to [10]_____ him penalties for missed payments. John was desperate, and he wrote about his situation on a website for start-up companies. This worked. The local council immediately awarded John a [11]_____ and [12]_____ came in from people in the area. Thanks to this, John's business survived.