Grammar Lab Mixed Conditionals

Read the theory and solve.

1 Read each sentence. Decide if each explanation, A and B, is true (T) or false (F).

0 Gary could have been a famous footballer if he was more prepared to train hard.
A Gary isn't a famous footballer. T B Gary doesn't like training hard. T

1 If Manfred's parents had moved to the UK, he might speak English now.
A Manfred's parents moved to the UK. ..... B Manfred doesn't speak English. .....

2 If Noel and Jim had talked to each other more, they could still be friends today.
A They didn't talk to each other enough. ..... B They are still friends. .....

3 If Juliet didn't believe her son's story, she might have called the police.
A Juliet doesn't believe her son's story. ..... B Juliet called the police. .....

4 Joan might look really old now if she hadn't had cosmetic surgery.
A Joan has had cosmetic surgery. ..... B Joan doesn't look very old. .....

5 Helen would have found a husband years ago if she wanted to get married.
A Helen wants to get married. ..... B Helen has found a husband. .....

2 GRAMMAR IN USE Read the conversations and choose the correct words in *italics*.
3.47 Listen and check.

0 A I hear you lost that new laptop computer you'd bought.
B Yes, it was stolen. I feel really stupid now – I'd still have the computer and all my work on it if I *hadn't left / didn't leave* the bathroom window open.

1 A Mum, can I play with my Xbox?
B Yes, go on. What *would you do / would you have done* in the evenings if they hadn't invented the Xbox?

2 A Why are you here? I thought Jenny said that you'd cancelled the meeting?
B Well, no. If I *cancelled / had cancelled* the meeting, I wouldn't be here now, would I?

3 A We've just bought a flatscreen TV.
B But you've already got one.
A No, if we already had one, we *wouldn't buy / wouldn't have bought* one, would we?

4 A Gary said that his brother was very lazy.
B Neil, lazy? No, if that was true, I *didn't marry / wouldn't have married* him all those years ago!

5 A Do you have any regrets about getting married when you were very young?
B Of course not! If we *didn't get married / hadn't got married* when we were young, we *couldn't enjoy / wouldn't have enjoyed* all our grandchildren and great-grandchildren now.

3 Write conditional sentences, using the words in brackets. Use *could* or *might* if possible.
3.48 Listen and check.

0 There might have been more wars in recent years if (the United Nations / exist).
There might have been more wars in recent years if the United Nations didn't exist.

1 If von Ohain and Whittle hadn't invented the jet engine we (have / mass air travel / today).
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2 We wouldn't all use Windows today if (Bill Gates / start / Microsoft).
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3 If there were still a lot of racial problems in the US, (they / elect / Barack Obama).
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4 Fewer African people would have died if (we / have / a cure for malaria).
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5 If Tim Berners-Lee hadn't created the World Wide Web, (the world / be / very different).

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