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Grammar

Second Conditional

VIDEO



A DILEMMA

- Abe: Yay, a party invite! Oh no!
- Bea: Hi, Abe!
- Abe: Hiya. I can't go to the end-of-term party on Saturday.
- Bea: Why not?
- Abe: Because if I went to the party, I wouldn't be able to meet my mum at the airport. My dad wouldn't be very happy with me if I did that.
- Bea: Oh! That's true. And I think you'd feel bad if you didn't meet her.
- Abe: I guess you're right. I do miss her. What would you do if you were me?
- Bea: If I were you, I'd try to go to both. What time does your mum arrive?
- Abe: She arrives at 9.00. The party starts at 8.00.
- Bea: Yeah, it's complicated.
- Abe: It's impossible!
- Bea: How would your mum react if you told her about the party?
- Abe: She'd tell me to go to the party, of course.
- On Saturday ...*
- Dad: The airport, then?
- Abe: The airport!
- Dad: Are you sure? Mum would understand if you chose to go to that party.
- Abe: I know, but I never listen to my parents, remember?



- 1 Look at the photo of Abe looking at an end-of-term party invitation. How do you think he feels? Why?
- 2 34 7.5 Watch or listen and check your ideas from Exercise 1. What does Abe decide to do?
- 3 Study the Grammar box. Find more examples of the Second Conditional in the dialogue.

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If her flight **arrived** earlier, I'd **be** able to go to the airport.
What **would** you **do** if you **were** me?

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- 4 7.6 Complete the Second Conditional sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Listen and check.

- 1 If I **had** (have) enough time, I _____ (help).
- 2 If you _____ (listen) carefully, you _____ (understand).
- 3 _____ (you/go) to the beach if you _____ (be) free today?
- 4 He _____ (not come) here if he _____ (not want) to.
- 5 What _____ (you/do) if you _____ (earn) a lot of money?
- 6 I _____ (phone) your dad if I _____ (be) you.

- 5 What would you do if you were Abe? Why? Discuss in pairs.

VIDEO



WIDER WORLD

- 6 35 Watch four people talking about different situations. How do they complete the sentences below?
- 1 If my friend phoned when I was busy, ...
 - 2 If there was a big wedding in our family, ...
 - 3 If I was late for a family meal, my parents ...
 - 4 I'd be very worried if ...
 - 5 It would be a nightmare for me if ...
- 7 Finish the sentences in Exercise 6 to make them true for you. In pairs, compare your ideas.
If my friend phoned when I was busy, I'd probably talk to her. What about you?