

LANGUAGE IN ACTION

The second conditional



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★★ Complete the blog post with the correct form of the verbs in the box to make second conditional sentences.

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1 ★ Circle the correct options.

- 1 If I could travel anywhere in the world, ...
 - a I'll visit a jungle.
 - b I'd visit a jungle.
 - c I visited a jungle.
- 2 I don't know what would happen ...
 - a if all the insects will disappear.
 - b if all the insects would disappear.
 - c if all the insects disappeared.
- 3 What would happen if ...
 - a we cut down all the rainforests?
 - b we'd cut down all the rainforests?
 - c would we cut down all the rainforests?
- 4 If I were you, ...
 - a I'd find out more information.
 - b I found out more information.
 - c I'm finding out more information.
- 5 People wouldn't buy plastic products ...
 - a if they have a better alternative.
 - b if they had a better alternative.
 - c if they'd have a better alternative.

2 ★★ Complete the second conditional sentences using the verbs in brackets.

- 1 If I had a bike, I would use it to go to school. (have / use)
- 2 I go out today if it is cold. (go / not be)
- 3 If they live near the sea, they go to the beach a lot. (live / go)
- 4 The waterfall is more interesting to look at if it is raining. (be / be)
- 5 If we eat so much meat, we cut down so many rainforests. (not eat / not cut down)
- 6 Houses near the coast are in danger if sea levels are higher. (be / get)



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If I ¹ could do anything to help the planet, I ² would try to stop people buying so many things with palm oil in them. If you ³ the ingredients in the things you buy, you ⁴ palm oil in many of them – from biscuits to toothpaste. It's a cheap form of oil, and our products ⁵ more expensive if companies ⁶ it.



The oil comes from trees which only grow in hot countries. This means that we need to cut down rainforests to grow them. This is a problem for the animals that live in rainforests, including the orangutan. If we ⁷ destroy their natural habitat, orangutans wouldn't be endangered. So, if there ⁸ one useful thing everyone could do to protect the environment, it ⁹ buy things which don't contain palm oil.

4 ★★★ Write second conditional sentences about the situations.

- 1 People use so much plastic. There is so much waste. If people didn't use so much plastic, there wouldn't be so much waste.
- 2 I haven't got a recycling bin, so I don't recycle my rubbish. If I get my rubbish.
- 3 People don't know about palm oil, so they buy products which use it. If people know products which use it.
- 4 We don't use solar power in our country. There isn't enough sunlight. If use solar power in our country.
- 5 Palm oil is cheap. That's why companies use it. If palm oil isn't cheap it.