

GRAMMAR

Second conditional: *would, could and might; if only and wish*

1 Match the beginnings and ends of the sentences.

- 1 I'd tour the world on a bicycle
- 2 If I were rich,
- 3 I could help you with your project
- 4 If I wasn't busy this weekend,
- 5 I wouldn't go to school every day
- 6 If recycling wasn't so important,

- a I'd buy an expensive car.
- b if I could get enough time off work.
- c if you wanted me to.
- d I might go to the cinema.
- e I wouldn't do it.
- f if I didn't have to.

2 Complete the second conditional sentences with the verbs in brackets. Sometimes more than one modal verb (*could, would or might*) is possible.

- 1 If we recycle more glass and paper, we save more energy.
- 2 Those noisy kids go outside if the weather not be so bad. Who knows!
- 3 You do better in your exams if you work a bit harder.
- 4 He write to her if he know her email address.
- 5 If we not have to go to school today, we go to the beach or maybe to the park.
- 6 If she stop using her tablet an hour before going to bed, she sleep better. It's worth trying.
- 7 We be lost if we not have our mobile phones with us.
- 8 Global warming be slowed if all the governments in the world make an effort. They should try at least!
- 9 It be much easier to recycle all our rubbish if we have different bins for everything.
- 10 If I work every Saturday morning from now to my exams, I be able to go on holiday with my friends in the summer. It's a possibility.
- 11 If Maria smile and chat a bit more with people, she make more friends.
- 12 Mum and Dad always say we save thousands if my brother and I turn off the lights more often!

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box.

be / rich be / sunny can / get to sleep
have / an umbrella not be / closed
not play / loud music speak / Chinese

0 It's pouring down. I wish I had an umbrella.

1 I'd love a Ferrari. If only .

2 I'm so worried about the test tomorrow. If only .

3 We'd love to go to the beach today. If only .

4 Oh, I'm too late to do the shopping. I wish the supermarket .

5 I don't understand a word on this holiday. I wish .

6 These new neighbours are nice, but I wish .

4 Correct the mistakes in four of the sentences. Which one is correct?

- 1 If everyone stops using so much plastic, climate change might slow down.
- 2 I would be grateful if you correct your errors.
- 3 I wish you will send me the answers.
- 4 I can't afford to go to the concert. If only I had more money!
- 5 There's not a lot for young people to do, so it could be good if you invented something!

VOCABULARY

Alternatives to *if*

1 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 1 Assuming / Even if more wind farms are built in the next few years, electricity should get cheaper.
- 2 She wouldn't invite him to her party assuming / even if he asked her.
- 3 I'll buy some new trainers as long as / even if they aren't too expensive.
- 4 You may go to the pool without an adult provided that / even if you are over 14 years old.
- 5 As long as / Even if we had enough oil to last another 100 years, we should still try to find alternative forms of energy.
- 6 You'll save a lot of electricity as long as / even if you follow the recommendations in this article.