Ask your friend

if he / she will buy that house (**may** just buy an appartment)

A: *Will you buy that house?*

B: *I don't know yet, I may just buy an appartment.*

1. if he / she will paint the walls again (might just put wallpaper)
2. if he / she will bake a cake for the birthday party (**could** just buy one)
3. if he / she will go to work on Saturday (**should** speak with the director first)
4. if he / she will sell his / her car (but **must** buy a new one)
5. if he / she will study another language (but it **could** be a good idea to study Spanish)
6. if he / she will pay all the bills today (but **might** go to the bank to withdraw some money)

Celebrities — Marie Curie

Marie Curie was a phisicist and chemist from Poland. She was the first woman to receive, not only one Nobel Prize, but two, and the first woman to become a professor at Sorbonne University. She was born in Warsaw in 1867 and moved to Paris to study at the age of 24, following in the footsteps of an older sister. There she met her future husband Pierre Curie, with whom she shared her first Nobel Prize in 1903, and became a French citizen. Among her achievements are: the discovery of two new elements, radium and polonium, the latter being named after her native country, and her research about the use of radioactivity, a name she came up with, to treat cancer. Ironically, she died in 1934 of leukemia, which was brought on her long-time exposure to radiation. Her last accomplishment came after her death, she being the first woman to be entombed in the Pantheon in Paris because of her own merits.

1. The text mentions that Marie Curie was the first woman to do two things, what are they?

2. What are her most important achievements?

3. Why does the text use the word "ironically" to speak about her death?

4. Although a French citizen by marriage, did Marie forget about her native country? Justify your answer.

5. What are some current uses of radium and radioactivity, discovered by Marie Curie?



LIVEWORKSHEETS

Song **Wouldn't It Be Nice – The Beach Boys**

Complete the lyrics below using the correct modal verb from the list:

Modals to use: *would – could – can – might – wouldn't*

Wouldn't it be nice if we _____ older?
Then we _____ have to wait so long
And wouldn't it be nice to live together
In the kind of world where we belong?

You know it's gonna make it that much better
When we _____ say good night and stay together

Wouldn't it be nice if we _____ wake up
In the morning, when the day is new?

And after having spent the day together
Hold each other close the whole night through

Happy times together we've been spending
I wish that every kiss was never ending
Wouldn't it be nice?

Maybe if we think and wish and hope and pray
It _____ come true
Baby, then there _____ be a single thing we _____n't do
We _____ be married
And then we'd be happy
Wouldn't it be nice?

Justify your answers

1. What are three significant inventions in your opinion?
2. Have men really walked on the moon?
3. Would you like to take a trip to space?
4. Do you think there is life on other planets?
5. Do you believe in UFOs?



Food for thought

In 1986, when the American space exploration was in its infancy, former American President Richard Nixon said "we've grown used to wonders in this century. It's hard to dazzle us."

1. What's the most important technological advancement of the last 100 years?
2. What technological object can't you live without?
3. What do you think the next invention will be?
4. Have you ever stopped to think how much we will still advance in technology?
5. Think of all the gadgets you own. Now think about living without them for a week.

Public Speaking Hint

Whenever possible use a slide presentation to enrich your speach.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Song Wouldn't It Be Nice – The Beach Boys

Wouldn't it be nice if we **were** older?
Then we **wouldn't** have to wait so long
And wouldn't it be nice to live together
In the kind of world where we belong?
You know it's gonna make it that much better
When we **can** say good night and stay together
Wouldn't it be nice if we **could** wake up
In the morning, when the day is new?
And after having spent the day together
Hold each other close the whole night through
Happy times together we've been spending
I wish that every kiss was never ending
Wouldn't it be nice?
Maybe if we think and wish and hope and pray
It **might** come true
Baby, then there **wouldn't** be a single thing we **could**n't do
We **could** be married
And then we'd be happy
Wouldn't it be nice?

Extra – Discussing Modals in the Song:

1. What's the difference between would and could in the context of the song?
2. How does the use of might express uncertainty or hope?
3. Why do you think the song uses wouldn't instead of would in some parts?

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