

GRAMMAR

mixed conditionals

1 Match the sentences (1–6) with the descriptions (A–F).

Choosing a profile picture

Questions you should ask yourself before uploading your new profile picture:

- 1 If you hadn't used a filter would the quality of your photo be better?
- 2 Were you to wear different clothes, would you cause a better impression?
- 3 Had you had a better camera on your phone, do you think the quality would have been better?
- 4 Wouldn't you have included friends in the photo if you had thought about it?
- 5 If this weren't such an important occasion, would you have spent so long getting the photo right?
- 6 Should you get loads of 'likes', will you remember how you chose it for next time?

- A the future result of a hypothetical situation in the past
 B the (possible) result in the present of a hypothetical action in the past
 C the past result of a hypothetical situation in the present
 D inversion
 E *Should* to replace *if*
 F *Were* to

2 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 If only I **hadn't put / wouldn't have put** that picture on my wall, this would never have happened!
- 2 I wouldn't have been able to take such good-quality pictures if I **hadn't had / had** a new phone.
- 3 Supposing your mother commented on your feed, what **do you do / would you do** about it?
- 4 If I were to say that I **didn't like / hadn't liked** your haircut in this picture, what would you say?
- 5 Were you to have taken his advice, the picture **would have turned out / would turn out** quite different.
- 6 If I **had had / had** your help, I wouldn't have got into this mess.
- 7 If it hadn't been for the social media course, I **wouldn't know / wouldn't have known** all that I do now.
- 8 You know what the celebs say: 'If you didn't get a selfie, it **didn't happen / hadn't happened**!'

3 There is one mistake in each sentence. Find the mistakes and correct them.

- 1 If it isn't for my brother, I would never have met my best friend.
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- 2 If you didn't tell me, I would never have remembered it was his birthday.
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- 3 If I knew you hated cheese, I wouldn't have put it on the pizza.
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- 4 But for your help, I would have never had taken such a good photo.
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- 5 Supposing you failed the exam, will you re-take it?
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- 6 If only I have enough money, I would go on holiday with my friends to Greece.
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4 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

More than just a picture

If you are thinking of changing your profile picture then
 1 (read) on. Your choice of photo tells a lot about you.

Timid: If you claim that you 2 (use) a picture of yourself if you 3 (have) time ... , we don't believe you! Were you to 4 (have) time, I'm sure you would have still opted for your cute pooch or kitten. Be honest!

Serious: If you think that wearing smart clothes and frowning at the camera 5 (get) you further in life, then we have news for you: that's not the case. If you would only 6 (smile) a bit, the camera 7 (love) you.

Sociable: You love hanging out, and should we 8 (need) a friend we know where to find you!

Assertive: You love to strike a pose, to cause an effect. Had you 9 (be able) to create a more spectacular image, I'm sure you would have.

So, if you 10 (read) this earlier, would you have changed your photo?