LANGUAGE IN ACTION

The first conditional

1 ★ **Circle the correct options.**

1 If I *see* / *don't* see any litter on the beach, I'll pick it up.
2 I won't use my bike tomorrow *unless* / *if* it's raining. I don't want to get wet.
3 Unless we *use* / *don't use* alternative forms of energy, we will create more air pollution.
4 If you *will leave* / *leave* your computer on all night, it will waste energy.
5 Some cities *may* / *may be* under water if sea levels rise.
6 I'll travel by train if I *go* / *might go* on holiday this year.

2 ★★ **Complete the sentences with the phrases in the box.**

climate change may get worse
if we stop using so much plastic
~~it will help the planet~~
many types of plant will be in danger
there might be more plastic than fish by 2050
unless we protect them

1 If we reduce our energy use, it will help the planet.
2 Many animals could become endangered _____.
3 If we lose lots of insect species, _____.
4 If we don't reduce the amount of carbon dioxide, _____.
5 Unless we stop polluting our oceans, _____.
6 It will help the planet _____.

3 ★★ **Complete the text with the verbs in the box.**

act continue is might be
~~might not see~~ will need

If you drive somewhere on a summer's night and check the front window of your car after, you [1] might not see many dead insects on it. This doesn't sound like a problem. In fact, if your car [2] _____ clean, you will probably be pleased. However, this is a worrying sign. Over the last 30 years, numbers of insects have fallen by 75%. But if there are fewer flies and mosquitoes in the future, the world [3] _____ a better place, right? Wrong! The problem is that if insects [4] _____ to disappear, we will all be in trouble. Many plants depend on them. As insects move from one plant to another, they carry pollen, which helps plants to grow again. And if the number of people on the planet keeps on rising, we [5] _____ more and more food. Unless we [6] _____ quickly, insect numbers could fall even more. This could be very bad news for both humans and the planet.

4 ★★★ **Rewrite the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the words in brackets.**

1 If we don't do something soon, it's possible that endangered species will disappear.
Endangered species could disappear if we don't do something soon. (could)
2 There will be huge problems if we don't protect our environment.
_____ our environment, there will be huge problems. (unless)
3 If we don't stop using chemicals on farms, it's possible that insect numbers will fall.
_____ if we don't stop using chemicals on farms. (might)
4 If we do something now, we might stop climate change.
Unless we do something now, we _____ climate change. (might)

5 ★★★ **Complete the sentences with your own ideas.**

1 Unless we do something about climate change, _____.
2 We might be able to help the planet if _____.

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