



ZERO, FIRST AND SECOND CONDITIONAL

LEVEL : II grade

3 Read the letter and choose the correct answer.

Dear Miranda,

I want to get my ears pierced but my parents won't let me. I'd look really cool if I
(1) **have / had** pierced ears but if I
(2) **do / will do** it without permission, my parents (3) **will / would** be really angry. I don't want to hurt or disobey them, but if they (4) **understand / understood** how old-fashioned their views are, they'd let me do it. If I (5) **don't / didn't** get my ears pierced, all my friends at school will laugh at me.

If you were me, what (6) **will / would** you say to them to make them agree?

Please help!

Jason (aged 13), Basildon



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4 Write one word in each gap to complete Miranda's reply to Jason. Be careful! Short forms (eg won't) count as one word.

I understand how you feel, Jason, but if I were you, (1) _____ listen to Mum and Dad and do what they say – for now. You're only 13.

That's quite young to get your ears pierced. If you wait a year or so before you ask them again, maybe they (2) _____ say yes! You say that everyone at school will laugh at you if you (3) _____ get your ears pierced now, but is that really true? I think your friends will understand (4) _____ you say to them, 'I really want to get my ears pierced when I'm a bit older.'

And – let's be honest – if your friends laugh at you and say you're not cool, they (5) _____ very good friends, are they?