


LISTENING – ERIC CLAPTON – Tears in Heaven

Focus: Grammar (Second Conditional, Review – First Conditional); Listening (Recognition of different words, Comprehension); Writing (Freewriting).

PRE-LISTENING

1) We use the Second Conditional to talk about things that are unlikely to be true in the future.

Order the words to create the Second Conditional pattern.




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2) Write Second Conditional sentences:

a) If / she / speak / Chinese / she / get / better job

b) If / I / win / lottery / I / buy / big house

c) They / get / better marks / if / they / study more

d) I / buy / car / if / I / know / how to drive

e) If / I / be / a superhero / I / save / the world

3) Read the example that shows the difference between First and Second Conditional:

If I had enough money, I would buy an airplane. - It is unlikely that I will have this much money, that is why I use the Second Conditional to talk about it.

If I have enough money, I will buy toys for my dogs. - This is a more realistic statement, it is much more likely this to happen, then I use the First Conditional.

Now, it is your turn. Write two statements with the same If clause idea but using the First and Second Conditionals.

4) If you were a songwriter, what would you write about?

LISTENING

Listen to the song and complete the exercises 5-8.

5) Complete the verses:

Would you _____ my name?

If I _____ you in heaven

Would it _____ the same?

If I _____ you in heaven

I _____ be _____ and _____ on

'Cause I know I _____

Here in heaven



6) Rewrite the sentences changing ONE word to make them correct.

Would you held my hand?

If I see you in heaven

Could you help me stand?

When I saw you in heaven

I won't find my way

Thought night and day

Cause I know I just can't say

Were in heaven

7) Match the verses:

Time can bring

begging please

Time can bend

your heart

Time can break

you down

Have you

please

Begging

your knees

8) Complete the verses by saying the correct words. (Click on the microphone and say the word).

Beyond the _____ there's _____, I'm sure

And I know there'll be no _____ in heaven

POST-LISTENING

9) In your opinion, what is this song about?

10) 'Tears in Heaven' is a tribute to Eric Clapton's four-year-old son, Conor, who died in 1991 when he accidentally slipped from the 53rd-floor window of a New York City apartment building.

Was your opinion in exercise 9 correct? Which traces of this song shows that it is a tribute to someone's death?

11) How does Eric Clapton seem to be feeling? Use some verses to explain your opinion.

12) According to your knowledge about the Second Conditional, in your opinion, why did Eric Clapton use this conditional?

13) Choose one verse that is a Second Conditional sentence and change it to the First Conditional. How does this change affect the meaning of the song?