

A Story: The Brazilian Cat

Tenses- Conditional revision

Read the story and then work on the exercises below.

1. Complete with the correct tense (use Present simple, Present perfect and Past simple)

"It is 1910. My name _____ (be) Marshall King. When I _____ (be) a young man I _____ (like) very expensive things. I _____ (live) in expensive rooms in England and _____ (go) riding very often. I _____ (have) a rich family and life _____ (be) easy for me. My father _____ (think) that The Bank of England or my rich uncle would always help me. But now, my father _____ (be) dead and I _____ (have) a lot of bills to pay. I haven't got any money. I _____ (never/work) in my life. So, I have no idea how to get the money I need. I _____ (never meet) my rich uncle either. I don't know where he is. A few days ago, I _____ (receive) a letter from my cousin Everard. He _____ (just/ return) from Brazil and _____ (want) me to visit him in his new large country house called Greylands. Well, he is a wealthy man; maybe he can help me pay all those bills."

2. Complete these conditional sentences. Use conditionals type I and II

- a. " Everard will help me if I _____ (ask) for some money. He is a very generous and wealthy man."
- b. " If Everard _____ (not/ help) me, I will go to prison."
- c. "My father _____ (help) me if he were alive."
- d. " If Everard goes on with his plan, I _____ (be) rude to Marshall to make him feel uncomfortable", Everard's wife thought.
- e. "If I _____ (lock) Marhsall inside the room with the Brazilian cat, the wild cat would eat him during the night", Everard said to himself.
- f. If Marshall _____ (die), Everard would inherit their uncle's fortune.