

MODULE 15

Conditional sentences with *would* and *wouldn't*

1 Complete the sentences with *would* or *wouldn't*.

- a I like working. If I didn't have a job, I would soon get bored.
- b I'm very happy in the city: I enjoy living in the country – it's too quiet!
- c My sister is very honest. If she found some money in the street, I'm sure she take it to the police.
- d I like to be famous: I'm quite happy as I am!
- e Nobody has read the fire instructions: if there were a fire, they know what to do.
- f We can't go to Asia by bus because the journey take much too long.
- g If I could live my life again, I change anything.
- h It's a pity Mark isn't here. He know what to do.

2 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense to make conditional sentences.

- a I'm sorry, I don't know. If I knew (know) the answer, I would tell (tell) you.
- b If I (not/work), we (not/have) enough money to live.
- c I'm sure you (feel) better if you (not/get up) so late.
- d If you (can) meet a famous person from history, who (like) to talk to?
- e I don't know what I (do) if you (be/not) here to help me.
- f If I (have) a lot of money, I (take) you on an expensive holiday.



- g If everyone (speak) the same language, do you think life (be) better?
- h If you (have) twenty brothers and sisters, think how many birthday presents you (get)!

might or *would*

3 a Match the beginnings of the sentences in A with the endings in B.

A

- 1 He **might** help you
- 2 She **wouldn't** go out with him
- 3 If I **could** go on holiday anywhere in the world,
- 4 Robert **might** do better at school
- 5 If you **told** her the truth,
- 6 If you **didn't** drink so much coffee before going to bed,

B

- I'd go to Florida.
- if you were more polite to him.
- you **might** sleep better.
- if he didn't have so much money.
- if he did his homework regularly.
- she **might** get very angry.

b T15.1 Listen and check. Practise saying the sentences.

4 Tick (✓) the correct sentence for each situation below.

- 1 Someone asks you to help them to translate a newspaper article into your language.
Unfortunately, the newspaper article is in Chinese – a language you don't speak or understand.
What do you say?
 - a *I'll help you if I can.*
 - b *I'd help if I could.* ✓
- 2 Someone asks about your plans for tomorrow. You're not sure yet – you're either going to the beach or to the cinema – it depends on the weather.
What do you say?
 - a *If the weather's good, I'll go to the beach.*
 - b *If the weather was good, I'd go to the beach.*
- 3 You're on holiday at the seaside. The beach is very nice, but unfortunately the weather isn't very good – it's cloudy and the temperature is only 12°C. Someone asks if you're enjoying yourself.
What do you say?
 - a *I'd be happier if the weather were better.*
 - b *I'll be happier if we have better weather.*
- 4 You invite a friend to go to a club with you, but she's got an exam tomorrow, so she can't come.
What does she say to you?
 - a *I'll come if I don't have an exam.*
 - b *I'd come if I didn't have an exam.*
- 5 A taxi driver is driving you very slowly to the station. Your train leaves in five minutes.
What do you say to him?
 - a *If we don't go faster, I'll miss the train.*
 - b *If we didn't go faster, I'd miss the train.*
- 6 A friend asks you to drive her home from a party, but your car is at home, so you can't help her.
What do you say?
 - a *Sorry, if I have my car, I'll take you home.*
 - b *Sorry, if I had my car, I'd take you home.*
- 7 You see a child crossing the road reading a book.
What do you say to the child?
 - a *If you're not careful, you'll have an accident.*
 - b *If you weren't careful, you'd have an accident.*

will and would

5 Circle the best form in each sentence, as in the example.

- a *I wouldn't / won't do that if I were you!*
- b *Goodbye, everybody! I'd / I'll see you all next week.*
- c *I'd / I'll help you if I had more time.*
- d *What time will / would you be back from work this evening?*
- e *I won't / wouldn't be surprised if they won the competition.*
- f *Sorry, I can't speak now. I'd / I'll phone you back later.*
- g *I'll / I'd be here until 6 o'clock if you need anything.*
- h *Life will / would be so much easier if people worked together.*
- i *If my mother were here, I'm sure she'd / she'll know what to do.*

Short answers with will and would

LOOK!

Will you / (s)he / it / we **be** at home?
Yes, I / (s)he / it / we **will**.
No, I / (s)he / it / we **won't**.

Would you / (s)he / it / we **work**?
Yes, I / (s)he / it / we **would**.
No, I / (s)he / it / we **wouldn't**.

6 Write short answers to these questions.

- a Would you travel to another planet if you had the opportunity? Yes, I **would**. _____
- b Will your brother be at home if I phone this evening? No, _____.
- c Would you like to be Prime Minister of your country? No, _____.
- d Will we have time for lunch when we get there? Yes, _____.
- e If you won the lottery, would you give up work? Yes, _____.
- f Would you move to a bigger house if you had the money? No, _____.
- g If Kate and Roger get married, do you think they'll be happy? Yes, _____.
- h If a stranger offered you £1,000 to carry a bag onto an aeroplane, would you do it? No, _____.