

**3 Match each *if* clause with two main clauses from A–L below. Then complete the main clauses, using the words in brackets, as in the example. Use modal verbs if appropriate.**

**3.21** Listen and check.

- 0 If Bill Gates hadn't been in the right place at the right time, B, E
- 1 If athletes today didn't take their training so seriously, .....
- 2 If the internal combustion engine hadn't been invented, .....
- 3 If scientists hadn't discovered how to build an atomic bomb, .....
- 4 If it weren't possible for scientists to isolate individual genes, .....
- 5 If the printing press had not been invented, .....
- A the elimination of hereditary diseases ..... feasible. (not/be)
- B he *wouldn't be* ..... one of the richest men in the world now. (not/be)
- C Hiroshima and Nagasaki ..... (not/be/destroyed)
- D it ..... possible to extend education to most people. (not/become)
- E Microsoft *wouldn't have become* a household name. (not/become)
- F much of our history ..... unknown to us. (be)
- G sport ..... so exciting to watch. (not/be)
- H the motor car ..... (never/be/developed)
- I the debate around modified crops ..... an issue. (not/be)
- J we probably ..... such a problem with carbon emissions. (not/have)
- K the world ..... a more secure and peaceful place. (be)
- L they ..... so many records in recent years. (not/break)

**4 GRAMMAR IN USE** Complete the conditional sentences 1–5 from the information given, as in the example. **3.22** Listen and check.

- 0 Governments would take the problem more seriously *if there were more international pressure* .....
- 1 If it were to rain, .....
- 2 The tourist industry might .....
- 3 If the governments involved .....
- 4 There might be more .....
- 5 Current attempts to fight the fires would have been .....

**South-East Asia faces new smog crisis**

FOREST FIRES are breaking out all over south-east Asia.

- (0) Governments are not taking the problem seriously because of a lack of international pressure.
- (1) Only heavy rain can avert the crisis. Unfortunately, the forecast is for the weather to remain hot and dry for the foreseeable future.
- (2) The government stopped releasing pollution levels in June because it didn't want to frighten off tourists. The tourist industry has not yet suffered.
- (3) The governments involved didn't take positive action after the previous disaster. Environmentalists think this is why the current crisis has happened.
- (4) One of the problems is that few of the countries affected have a Ministry of the Environment, so there is no serious environmental protection.
- (5) The failure of governments to build reliable water supply networks in rural areas is a major reason why current attempts to fight the fires have been so ineffective.