

Empower B2 U8A

1 GRAMMAR

First and second conditionals

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses. Use contractions where possible.

- 1 If the weather is (be) nice again tomorrow, I 'll go (go) for a walk.
- 2 If money grows (grow) on trees, inflation will be (be) very high.
- 3 I will make (make) the coffee if you cook (cook) the eggs.
- 4 I will go (go) to Ancient Greece if I can travel (can travel) back in time.
- 5 If I was (be) you, I would tell (tell) the truth.
- 6 If I can't find (can't find) my blue tie, I will wear (wear) the red one instead.
- 7 So will I take (take) a taxi if you are in a hurry (be) in a hurry.
- 8 If today was (be) Saturday, I will stay (stay) in bed for a couple more hours.

2 VOCABULARY Money and finance

Complete the text with the words in the box.

aside budget charge debt donations finance
grant income investment living pay rate

John Roberts made a ¹ living as a fisherman working for a big fishing company. However, John always wanted to have his own boat and business, so he put ² savings for years, and when the interest ³ was low, he went to a bank. The bank checked the ⁴ investment that John had prepared showing sales vs. costs and then agreed to ⁵ finance the project. This meant John now had a very large ⁶ debt, but he considered the boat a sound ⁷ investment. Unfortunately, business became more difficult because of overfishing and environmental damage. John's ⁸ income dropped lower and lower, and he was struggling just to ⁹ pay off the interest on his loan. Before long, the bank was starting to ¹⁰ charge him penalties for missed payments. John was desperate, and he wrote about his situation on a website for start-up companies. This worked. The local council immediately awarded John a ¹¹ grant and ¹² donations came in from people in the area. Thanks to this, John's business survived.