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Extreme behaviour

Conditionals: zero, first, second

GRAMMAR ZONE

Zero conditional

- something which is always or generally true. Present simple in both clauses.

People **stare** at you if you **dress** strangely.

Note: We can also use **when** in the **if**-clause.

When people are mean to you it makes you very unhappy.

First conditional

- a future possibility. Present simple in the **if**-clause and **will** in the main clause.

If you **argue** with your teacher you **will be** in trouble.

Note: We can also use **could**, **might** or **may** in the main clause.

If I'm late for school again I **might** get a detention.

Second conditional

- an imagined present or future. Past simple in the **if**-clause and **would**, **could** or **might** in the main clause.

If you **didn't fasten** your seatbelt you **would be** in danger.

You **could** stay at home if you **felt** really ill.

- giving advice: **If I were you, I'd...**

If I **were** you, I'd stay away from bullies.

Note: We sometimes use **unless** in conditional sentences. It can replace **if ... not**. It means **except if...**

You won't get a good job **unless** you dress smartly.

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'If you **don't wear** your uniform you **will be sent** home from school.'

- 4 If you *didn't/don't* have a ticket on the train you would get a big fine.
- 5 If you have a stud put in your tongue you *wouldn't / won't* be able to talk very well at first.
- 6 Johann will have to go to see the head teacher if he *continues/will continue* with this behaviour.
- 7 Suzie will be out of the team *unless/except* she puts a bit more effort into the game.
- 8 I wouldn't have a tattoo even if you *pay/paid* me a thousand pounds!

2 Choose the correct answer, A, B, or C, to complete the sentences.

- 1 If you your bike without a helmet on you may be badly injured.
A fell B would fall
C fall
- 2 If Gail stopped going to so many gigs she better at school.
A would do B will do
C does
- 3 You will be thrown out of class if you talking during the lesson.
A kept on B will keep on
C keep on
- 4 If you bullies, they will get bored and leave you alone.
A ignored B ignore
C would ignore
- 5 You concentrate better at school if you ate breakfast every day.
A would be able to B will be able to
C are able to

1 Choose the best word to complete these sentences.

- 1 If you don't tell a teacher about being bullied, they *won't/wouldn't* be able to help you.
- 2 You *may/would* be arrested if you drive too fast.
- 3 Gavin's parents often *gave/give* him a present when he passes an exam.

3 Write the correct form of the verbs given to complete the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

- Patrick wants to come to football practice, but he has a lot of homework.
Patrick to football practice if he didn't have so much homework. COME
- Dan says John has to buy him lunch, and then he will help him with his homework. Dan says he John with his homework if he buys him lunch! HELP
- I want to talk to Helga, but she doesn't speak much English.
I would talk to Helga if she better English. SPEAK
- I think you should get some new trainers. If I you I'd buy some new trainers! BE
- I'd like to help you with the maths problem, but I don't understand it either!
I would help you with the maths problem if I it, but I don't! UNDERSTAND

4 Add the missing words to complete the questionnaire.

5 Write the correct form of the verb in brackets to complete the conversation. Sometimes you need to write more than one word.

'I've been invited to a party at Emma's tomorrow. Will you come with me if I **1** (ask) her first?'
'But I don't know her. I wouldn't have anyone to talk to if I **2** (come).'

'I know most of her friends, and they're really nice. I **3** (introduce) you to them, if you are shy!' 'Oh – I don't know. I haven't got anything to wear.' 'Well, if you **4** (come) round to my house you can have a look at my clothes. I could lend you something.'

'OK then. Or we could go shopping this afternoon, if you **5** (be) free.'

'That's a great idea! If we went to the charity shops we **6** (not have to) spend too much money.' 'But I've never worn second hand clothes!' 'Don't be daft! If you always **7** (shop) in the high street stores, you end up looking like everyone else! I prefer to be original.'

'OK then. But we mustn't go crazy! I don't know what my dad **8** (say) if I turned up looking like a hippy!'

Read these questions and choose the answer that is true for you. Then check your score. Are you passive, assertive or aggressive?

- If someone pushes in front of you in the lunch queue you:
a push them behind you
b tell them that you were in front of them.
c stay quiet and wait for your turn.
- If someone was bullying your younger brother, you:
a tell your brother to fight back.
b tell a teacher about it
c do nothing: it's not your problem.
- When you buy a take-out burger and it's cold, you:
a take it back and demand your money back.
b take it back and ask if they can give you a fresh one.
c eat it anyway.
- If your teacher told you off unfairly, you:
a say that you thought it was completely unfair.
b apologise, but explain calmly what actually happened.
c sit and fume silently.
- If you think the result of this test are wrong, you:
a throw it in the bin – it's rubbish anyway!
b think carefully about your behaviour. It may be true!
c think it's probably right after all – you must be wrong!

RESULTS

Mostly A's

You might be too aggressive! Try to calm down and think about the effect of your behaviour.

Mostly B's

You are assertive in a positive way. You should go far!

Mostly C's

You may be a bit too passive. People may push you around if you don't stand up for yourself.