

49. Read the statements carefully and think about the meaning. Then choose the correct words in *italics* in the explanations.

- 1 'If we'd missed that flight, we wouldn't be on the beach now.'
We *are* / *aren't* on the beach now. We *missed* / *didn't miss* the flight.
- 2 'If she wanted to see you again, she would have phoned by now.'
She *has* / *hasn't* phoned. She probably *does* / *doesn't* want to see you again.
- 3 'If we'd taken out the warranty, we wouldn't need to pay for these repairs.'
We *took* / *didn't take* out the warranty so we *have to* / *don't have to* pay for these repairs.
- 4 'I'd ask for a refund if I were you.'
I'm *talking about the past* / *giving advice*.
- 5 'We'd get a lot more light if there wasn't a huge tree in our back garden.'
There *is* / *used to be* a big tree in our garden.
- 6 'You'd be able to spend more time with the children if you changed to a part-time job.'
I think you are *likely* / *unlikely* to change your job.
- 7 'If we knew more about computers, we wouldn't have had to call the technical helpline.'
We *had to* / *didn't have to* call the helpline because we *didn't* / *don't* know much about computers.
- 8 'We'd have a less stressful life if we didn't live so far from the office.'
I'm expressing a regret about a *past* / *present* situation.

61. Put in *the* or *a/an*.

Do you see _____ man standing near _____ door? He works as _____ assistant in _____ same shop as I do. Well, I saw him the other day and he was driving _____ big red Porsche. And do you see _____ expensive clothes he is wearing? Where does he get _____ money to pay for it all? _____ month ago he hadn't got _____ penny. I told you about _____ burglary that we had at _____ shop, didn't I? Do you think I should go to _____ police?

50. Write the verbs from the box in the correct form to make first conditional sentences. Use *will* or *might (not)* in the result clause.

be able to / not have | confuse / allow | not cover / see | get / steal | not have / not be | tell / not return

Credit card fraud -- the facts

If a credit card thief _____ the chance, he _____ your card or your money. How can you prevent this? There are several ways:

- 1 Always cover your PIN number when you use it. If you _____ it, someone _____ it.
- 2 Don't talk to people at the cash machine -- a thief _____ you by talking to you if you _____ him to.
- 3 You need good security on your computer -- thieves _____ get into your accounts if you _____ proper security.
- 4 When you buy something on the Internet, make sure the website has a 'locked' symbol. If it _____ one, it _____ secure enough.
- 5 Don't forget, if you _____ your PIN number to another person and your money is stolen, your credit card company _____ your money.

59. Choose the correct words in *italics*. If both options are correct, choose both.

INVASION OF GIANT GRASS

There's little doubt that (1) *provided* / *if* we want to combat global warming and the effects of climate change, we (2) *have* / *would have* to find more sustainable sources of energy. Oil and gas produce harmful greenhouse gases and, of course, there is only a limited supply available. So, (3) *in case* / *unless* we act soon, we (4) *run out* / *will run out* of energy supplies. Recently, scientists have been looking at the use of fast-growing grasses as an alternative to traditional fossil fuels. These grasses can be burnt in power stations to provide a renewable source of energy. (5) *So long as* / *If* it is grown properly, grass (6) *will be* / *is* carbon neutral -- that is, it does not give off more carbon than it absorbs. The idea is that farmers will grow crops for energy rather than for food. Scientists believe that if we (7) *provide* / *provided* sufficient subsidies, farmers will be happy to start growing these new crops.

There are several trial schemes under way at present, including two in the north of England. Local farmers are growing a variety known as elephant grass. (8) *Whether* / *When* it is grown in its native tropics, the grass (9) *reaches* / *can reach* a height of over 4 metres. It is a grass that grows happily in the cooler climates of northern Europe, forming thick forests that provide a welcome habitat for wildlife. One scheme is at the Drax power station in Yorkshire, Britain's biggest power plant. If all (10) *goes* / *will go* to plan, the station (11) *is* / *will be* able to cut its emissions of greenhouse gases by five percent. But not everyone is happy with the scheme. Local conservationists are worried about the impact of the giant grass on the countryside. (12) *Whether* / *If* elephant grass solves our energy needs or not, they feel it is an ugly and unwelcome blot on the landscape.

51. Supply *a* or *the* in the following text.

We wanted to reach (1) _____ small village and knew we must be near. Then we saw (2) _____ woman just ahead and some children playing. When we stopped to ask the way, (3) _____ woman said she was (4) _____ stranger herself. We called out to (5) _____ children, but they ignored us. Just then two men came along and we asked them the way. (6) _____ men didn't know, but at least they were helpful. 'There's (7) _____ signpost a mile along this road,' one of them said. We drove to (8) _____ signpost eagerly. This is what it said: NORTH POLE 6,000 MILES.