

## LANGUAGE IN ACTION

### The second conditional

#### 1 Circle the correct options.

- 1 If I could travel anywhere in the world, ...
  - a I'll visit a jungle.
  - (b)** I'd visit a jungle.
  - c I visited a jungle.
- 2 I don't know what would happen ...
  - a if all the insects will disappear.
  - b if all the insects would disappear.
  - c if all the insects disappeared.
- 3 What would happen if ...
  - a we cut down all the rainforests?
  - b we'd cut down all the rainforest?
  - c would we cut down all the rainforests?
- 4 If I were you, ...
  - a I'd find out more information.
  - b I found out more information.
  - c I'm finding out more information.
- 5 People wouldn't buy plastic products ...
  - a if they have a better alternative.
  - b if they had a better alternative.
  - c if they'd have a better alternative.

#### 2 Complete the second conditional sentences using the verbs in brackets.

- 1 If I had a bike, I would use it to go to school. (have / use)
- 2 I go out today if it is cold. (go / not be)
- 3 If they live near the sea, they go to the beach a lot. (live / go)
- 4 The waterfall is more interesting to look at if it is raining. (be / be)
- 5 If we eat so much meat, we cut down so many rainforests. (not eat / not cut down)
- 6 Houses near the coast are in danger if sea levels get higher. (be / get)

#### 3 Complete the blog post with the correct form of the verbs in the box to make second conditional sentences.

be (x3) can check find  
not continue not use try



If I <sup>1</sup> could do anything to help the planet, I <sup>2</sup> would try to stop people buying so many things with palm oil in them. If you <sup>3</sup> the ingredients in the things you buy, you <sup>4</sup> palm oil in many of them – from biscuits to toothpaste. It's a cheap form of oil, and our products <sup>5</sup> more expensive if companies <sup>6</sup> it.

The oil comes from trees which only grow in hot countries. This means that we need to cut down rainforests to grow them. This is a problem for the animals that live in rainforests, including the orangutan. If we <sup>7</sup> to destroy their natural habitat, orangutans wouldn't be endangered. So, if there <sup>8</sup> one useful thing everyone could do to protect the environment, it <sup>9</sup> to buy things which don't contain palm oil.



#### 4 Write second conditional sentences about the situations.

- 1 People use so much plastic. There is so much waste.  
If people didn't use so much plastic, there wouldn't be so much waste.
- 2 I haven't got a recycling bin, so I don't recycle my rubbish.  
If I had a recycling bin, I would recycle my rubbish.
- 3 People don't know about palm oil, so they buy products which use it.  
If people know about palm oil, they wouldn't buy products which use it.
- 4 We don't use solar power in our country. There isn't enough sunlight.  
If there was enough sunlight, we would use solar power in our country.
- 5 Palm oil is cheap. That's why companies use it.  
If palm oil wasn't cheap, companies wouldn't use it.