

LANGUAGE IN ACTION

The second conditional



1 ★ Circle the correct options.

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



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

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

HOME ABOUT ME ARCHIVE FOLLOW

If I ¹ could do anything to help the planet, I ² would try to stop people buying so many things with palm oil in them. If you ³ check the ingredients in the things you buy, you ⁴ can palm oil in many of them – from biscuits to toothpaste. It's a cheap form of oil, and our products ⁵ can more expensive if companies ⁶ do not use 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 ⁷ do not cut down to destroy their natural habitat, orangutans wouldn't be endangered. So, if there ⁸ was one useful thing everyone could do to protect the environment, it ⁹ would be to buy things which don't contain palm oil.



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

- 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.
- 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.
- People don't know about palm oil, so they buy products which use it.
If people knew about palm oil, they wouldn't buy products which use it.
- We don't use solar power in our country. There isn't enough sunlight.
If we used solar power in our country, there would be enough sunlight.
- Palm oil is cheap. That's why companies use it.
If palm oil wasn't so cheap, companies wouldn't use it.