6.5 GRAMMAR

Mixed conditionals

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

1 Match the conditional sentences to the meanings.

1 If we wait for the sales, we'll probably get the same coat at a discounted price.
2 If you are fair-skinned, you get sunburnt more easily than someone with darker skin.
3 If she had kept the lemons in the fridge, they wouldn't have gone mouldy so quickly.
4 If I had to save all my money, I wouldn't have any fun at the weekend.

a a situation that is always true ☐
b a possible situation in the future ☐
c an imaginary situation in the present or future ☐
d an imaginary situation in the past ☐

2 ★ Choose the correct options.

1 If Diane hadn't had singing lessons last year, she wouldn't be in the band now.
Diane *had* / *didn't have* singing lessons last year.
She *is* / *isn't* in the band now.
2 If I enjoyed playing pool, I'd have met you at the pool hall last night.
I *enjoy* / *don't enjoy* playing pool.
I *did* / *didn't meet* you at the pool hall last night.
3 I wouldn't be able to afford to go on holiday if I'd forked out for a new laptop.
I *forked out* / *didn't fork out* for a new laptop.
I *can* / *can't* afford to go on holiday.
4 I might have asked Leah to dance if I wasn't so shy.
I *am* / *'m not* shy.
I *asked* / *didn't ask* Leah to dance.
5 If I didn't like you, I wouldn't have invited you to the party.
I *like* / *don't like* you.
I *invited* / *didn't invite* you to the party.

3 ★★ Complete the dialogues with the correct forms of the verb in brackets.

Kylie: I could trust you if you weren't (be) so two-faced.
Aaron: Come on, Kylie! You know I didn't mean it. I was only joking.
1 **Alan:** If Mr Lancaster _____ (like) football, he might not have given us homework for tonight.
Vic: I know. Doesn't he realise it's the cup final?
2 **Allie:** We wouldn't be in this situation now if you _____ (keep) quiet about what happened.
Eric: Well, it was your idea to skip class in the first place.
3 **Eve:** I _____ (have) a D now too if I had copied your essay.
Ben: Oh come on, Eve! You only got a C, which is not much better.
4 **Anne:** If you weren't so sweet, I _____ (leave) you a long time ago.
Matt: Thanks a lot! Is that a compliment or a threat?

4 ★★★ Complete the sentences to express imaginary conditions and results. Use short forms where possible.

Harry had an accident – he's got his leg in plaster now.
If Harry hadn't had an accident, he wouldn't have his leg in plaster now.
1 The photograph was airbrushed – the actor looks 10 years younger.
The actor [a] _____ 10 years younger if the photograph [b] _____ .
2 Justine isn't eighteen – she can't apply for the vocal workshop without her parents' consent.
If Justine [a] _____ eighteen, she [b] _____ for the vocal workshop without her parents' consent.
3 Charles is scared of flying – we drove to the Alps.
We [a] _____ to the Alps if Charles [b] _____ scared of flying.
4 Nick had plastic surgery – he doesn't have a nasty scar any more.
Nick [a] _____ a nasty scar if he [b] _____ plastic surgery.
5 Fran forgot her passport – she's not in Egypt now.
Fran [a] _____ in Egypt now if she [b] _____ her passport.



SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

5 Complete the sentences using the prompts in brackets.

1 If Helen wasn't so gregarious, _____ _____ (she/not meet) all her friends from camp last summer.
2 If _____ (Stewart/turn) at those traffic lights, he wouldn't be stuck in traffic now.
3 If you had dressed in warmer clothes, _____ _____ (you/not be) ill now.
4 If _____ (I/pass) my driving test when I was eighteen, I wouldn't be on this bus now.
5 If _____ (he/not have) good eyesight, he wouldn't have seen the thief's face in the dim light.
6 If Daisy brushed her teeth properly, _____ _____ (she/not spend) so much on dental treatment last week.

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