

Conditionals 2

5 Second conditional

T 8.2 Rewrite the sentences with the second conditional.

- 1 I can't take you to the airport because I haven't got a car.
If I had a car I could take you to the airport.
- 2 I've got a headache. I'm not going swimming.

- 3 I don't know the answer, so I can't tell you.

- 4 We won't have a holiday this year because we haven't got any money.

- 5 I haven't got any spare time so I won't learn Russian.

- 6 We haven't got a big house. We can't invite friends to stay.

- 7 There aren't any eggs, so I won't make a cake.

- 8 I'm not very clever, so I won't be a doctor.

- 9 I haven't got a mobile, so you can't call me.

- 10 He can't win the lottery. He never buys a ticket.

- 11 Francis works very hard. He has no time to spend with his family.

- 12 We've got three children, so we won't take a year off and travel the world.

6 First or second conditional?

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 If it _____ (rain) this weekend, we _____ (not be able) to play tennis.
- 2 Give me Anika's letter. If I _____ (pass) a letter box, I _____ (post) it for you.
- 3 I work about 80 hours a week, so I'm very busy. If I _____ (have) any spare time, I _____ (take up) a sport like golf.
- 4 If I _____ (be) taller and thinner, I _____ (can) be a model!
- 5 Please start your meal. If you _____ (not have) your soup now, it _____ (go) cold.
- 6 **A** I think we have a mouse in the kitchen.
B If you _____ (have) a cat, it _____ soon _____ (disappear).
- 7 If you _____ (need) any help, let me know and I _____ (come) and help you straight away.
- 8 You're a brilliant cook! If I _____ (can) cook as well as you, I _____ (open) a restaurant.
- 9 If there _____ (be) any tickets left for the concert, _____ you _____ (buy) two for me and Tom?
- 10 What noisy neighbours you've got! If my neighbours _____ (be) as bad as yours, I _____ (go) crazy.



7 Correcting mistakes

Correct the mistakes in these sentences.

- I'll make some tea when everyone will arrive.
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- If I could go anywhere in the world, I'll go to Fiji.

- If I'll see Jane, I'll tell her to phone you.
- If I have lots of money, I'd buy an aeroplane.
- When I'll go back to university, I'll email you.

- If you would know my brother, you'd know what I mean!

- If you would come from my town, you would recognize the street names.

- If you don't be careful, you'll lose your bag.



8 I'd rather ...



I'd rather (= I would rather) + infinitive means the same as *I'd prefer to*.

I don't like studying. **I'd rather be** outside playing tennis.



Say what you would rather do in these situations.

- If you had to choose between going snowboarding or going sailing, which would you choose?
I'd rather go
- If you're thirsty, would you rather have a coffee or a cold drink?

- If you could choose between travelling by plane or by train, which would you rather do?

- You have to choose between fizzy mineral water or still mineral water.

- What do you want to watch on TV, the news or a quiz show?

- Which would you rather have as a pet, a cat or a dog?

- If you had to choose between being rich or being famous, which would you choose?

- In a restaurant you have to choose between boiled potatoes and french fries.
