

UNIT 11

Hypothesizing

First and second conditionals

- 1 First conditional sentences are based on fact in real time. They express a possible condition and its probable result in the present or future.

If you pass your exams, I'll buy you a car.

- 2 Second conditional sentences are not based on fact. They express a situation which is contrary to reality in the present and future. This unreality is shown by a tense shift from present to past. They express a hypothetical condition and its probable result.

If I were taller, I'd join the police force.

What would you do if you won \$1 million?

Third conditional

- 1 Third conditional sentences are not based on fact. They express a situation which is contrary to reality in the past. This unreality is shown by a tense shift from past to Past Perfect.

If you'd come to the picnic, you'd have had a great time.

I wouldn't have met my wife if I hadn't gone to France.

- 2 It is possible for each of the clauses in a conditional sentence to have a different time reference, and the result is a mixed conditional.

If we had brought a map (we didn't), we would know where we are (we don't).

I wouldn't have invited her (I did) if I didn't like her (I do).

Other structures that express hypothesis

- 1 The tense usage with *wish*, *if only*, and *I'd rather* is similar to the second and third conditionals. Unreality is expressed by a tense shift.

I wish I were taller. (But I'm not.)

If only you hadn't said that! (But you did.)

I'd rather you didn't wear lots of make-up. (But you do.)

I'd rather you ... is often used as a polite way to tell someone to do something differently. The negative form *I'd rather you didn't ...* is especially useful as a polite way to say 'no'.

'I'll come in with you.' *'I'd rather you waited outside.'*

'Can I smoke in here?' *'I'd rather you didn't.'*

Notes

- *wish ... would* can express regret, dissatisfaction, impatience, or irritation because someone WILL keep doing something.

I wish you'd stop smoking.



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In your dreams

Hypothesizing • Expressions with *if* • Word pairs • Moans and groans

TEST YOUR GRAMMAR

- Helen is feeling very sorry for herself. Read column A. What are her problems?
- T 11.1** Join a line in A with a wish in B. Listen and check.
- Write down one thing you're not happy about. Tell the class what you wish.

A		B
1 It's raining again.		2 I was.
2 I'm not going out tonight.		4 I did.
3 There's nothing good on TV.		7 I didn't.
4 I don't like my job.		8 I could.
5 Alex and I stayed up all night studying.	I wish	6 they would.
6 I know they won't offer me the job.		3 there was.
7 I feel really depressed.		1 it wasn't.
8 I can't talk to anyone about it.		5 we hadn't.

IF ONLY ...

Hypothesizing about the past and present

Look at the photos. Each one illustrates someone's regret or wish. What do you think the regret or wish is?

T 11.2 Listen to the people talking. Who says what? Number the pictures in the order you hear.



SPOKEN ENGLISH Expressions with *if*

There are many fixed expressions with *if* often found in spoken English. Match a line in A with one in B.

A	B
1 Would it be OK if	4 if you've got a minute?
2 If all goes well,	5 I'd never forgive myself.
3 If you knew what I know about that hotel,	10 If anything, he's a bit shy.
4 Could I have a word with you	1 I left a bit early today?
5 If anything went wrong,	8 we can always postpone it.
6 Win? What do you mean? If you ask me,	3 you'd never go there again.
7 It was a Thursday, not a Tuesday,	9 if any at all.
8 Well, if the worst comes to the worst,	6 they don't stand a chance.
9 You haven't made much progress,	2 we should be finished by Friday.
10 I don't think he's cold or arrogant.	7 if I remember rightly.

Listen to the conversations and check. What extra lines do you hear? What are the contexts? Practise with a partner.

EVERYDAY ENGLISH

Moans and groans

1 Read the complaints in A. Match them with a response in B. Which of the items in the box do they refer to?

- 1 a leather jacket 2 email 3 boots 4 ordering by phone
 5 a bookcase 6 a TV programme 7 a dishwasher 8 an exam

It's not fair!
What a pain!
 I don't believe it!

A	B
1 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>I could kick myself. As soon as I'd handed it in, I remembered what the answer was.</i> an exam	a <i>What a pain!</i> Have you tried ringing the computer helpline?
2 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>I don't believe it! I've spent all morning trying to send this, and all I get is 'Oops! Your message wasn't sent. Try again later'.</i>	b <i>Give me a break!</i> I was in a hurry. Anyway, they're only a bit muddy.
3 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>These instructions don't make any sense to me at all. If you can follow them, you're a genius.</i>	c I'm awfully sorry, sir. I'm afraid there's nothing I can do about it. <i>It's out of my hands.</i>
4 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>It's not fair. I'd been looking forward to watching it all day and then the phone goes and rings!</i>	d I know, <i>it drives me mad. But worse still is that you never get to speak to a real person anyway!</i>
5 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>How many times do I have to tell you? Take them off before you come into the house!</i>	e Oh, <i>I hate it when that happens!</i> But do you think you've still passed?
6 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>This has gone beyond a joke. You promised you'd deliver it by Tuesday at the latest. Now you're saying next month!</i>	f <i>It's such a shame.</i> It would have gone so well with your white jeans.
7 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>I went away to think about it, and of course, when I went back it had been sold. I wish I'd just bought it there and then.</i>	g <i>Don't ask me!</i> This flatpack stuff is a nightmare! I had exactly the same trouble trying to put up a bedside table.
8 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>What a waste of time! Ten minutes listening to music and 'All our lines are busy. Thank you for waiting'.</i>	h <i>Typical!</i> And who was it? Anyone interesting?

2 **117** Listen and check your answers. Read them aloud with a partner and add another line.

- A *I could kick myself. As soon as I'd handed it in, I remembered what the answer was.*
 B *Oh, I hate it when that happens! But do you think you've still passed?*
 A *Who knows? I'll just have to wait and see.*

- 3 What are some of the events in a typical day in your life? For each event think of something to moan about.
What a pain! I got up and had to wait ages before the shower was free. But worse still, the water was freezing cold!
- 4 Do you have any moans and groans about anything that's happened recently in your country or in the world?

Music of English

When people moan about something, there is an exaggeration on the rise and fall of the word with main stress.

I don't believe it! *It's not []*

Listen and repeat.



'Press 1 for classical, press 2 for easy listening, press 3 for jazz.'