

8D

Mixed conditionals

1 Complete the mixed conditional sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

- 1 If he were more interested in history, he _____ (revise) harder for the exam last week.
- 2 If you hadn't met Sophie at the party, you _____ (not be) friends now.
- 3 If they could cook, they _____ (make) us an amazing meal yesterday.
- 4 If we had been able to understand the guide, we _____ (know) more about the beautiful hotel that we're staying in.
- 5 If you _____ (buy) a present for your sister yesterday, we _____ (not have to) go shopping now.
- 6 If they _____ (not like) France, they wouldn't have booked a holiday there.
- 7 If she _____ (have) a car, she would have driven you to the station last night.
- 8 If we _____ (stay) at the party, we would be even more tired today.

2 Complete the dialogue with the correct form of the verbs below.

be able get have not be not eat not feel not stay watch

Gerry Why didn't you come to the cinema with us last night? It was a great film.

Frank I'm really poor at the moment. If I ¹ _____ some money, I ² _____ the film with you.

Gerry Oh dear. You should try to get a job.

Frank I know. In fact, there was a really good job advertised last week. But I forgot to apply for it!

Gerry Frank! Why are you so forgetful? If you ³ _____ that job, you ⁴ _____ to come out with us much more often.

Frank That's true. But look, the flat is really tidy. If I ⁵ _____ at home today, the flat ⁶ _____ so tidy now!

Gerry Yes, it is tidy. But I've noticed that the fridge is completely empty. How much did you eat last night?

Frank Sorry. I got really bored and ate all the food in the fridge. Now I feel quite sick.

Gerry Am I supposed to feel sorry for you? If you ⁷ _____ all that food, you ⁸ _____ so awful this morning.

3 SPEAKING Work in pairs. Think about five important events in your life. You can use the ideas below or your own ideas. Then tell your partner how your life might be different now if those events had not happened.

- a place you / a family member / a friend moved to
- a skill you learned
- a mistake / bad decision you made
- something you said which you now regret
- something you did which you are very proud of

In 2012, my best friend moved to England. If he hadn't moved to England, we would probably still see each other every day.

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Aims: To review and practise mixed conditionals.

Time: 10–15 minutes

Materials: 1 handout for each student

Exercise 1

- Give each student a handout and ask them to work individually or in pairs to do the exercise.
- Check answers by asking different students to read out the completed sentences.

KEY

- 1 would have revised
- 2 wouldn't be
- 3 would have made
- 4 would know
- 5 had bought, wouldn't have to
- 6 didn't like
- 7 had
- 8 had stayed

Exercise 2

- Students choose the correct verbs and put them into the correct tense to complete the dialogue. Ask students to read the dialogue quickly and say who Gerry and Frank are (flatmates, possibly students). Students can work in pairs to complete the dialogue.
- Ask a couple of students to read out the completed dialogue and tell the rest of the class to listen and raise their hands if they think they hear a mistake.

KEY

- 1 had
- 2 would have watched
- 3 'd got
- 4 would be able
- 5 hadn't stayed
- 6 wouldn't be
- 7 hadn't eaten
- 8 wouldn't feel

Exercise 3

- Students think about important events in their life. They can use the ideas provided, or you can brainstorm some more ideas and write them on the board. They then use mixed conditional sentences to describe how their life might be different now if those events hadn't happened. Draw their attention to the example sentence. You could also give a few personal examples. Give students a few minutes to write their sentences and then get them to talk to their partners and compare their sentences.