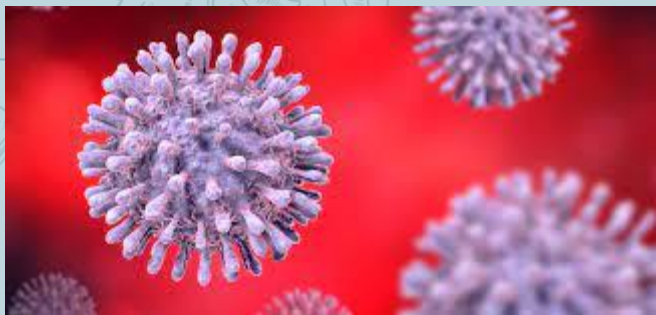




Hello

patriotic







Regrets in your country



You have authority



*Unless
even if
supposing*



1 Match the views (A–D) in the forum with the global issues below. There are two extra issues.

disease famine global warming nuclear weapons
racism unemployment

← →

GLOBAL FORUM



A If we hadn't invented antibiotics, it's possible that we might have died out by now. And if we don't develop new ones soon, it won't be long before the existing ones become ineffective.

B I wouldn't give money to charity unless I thought it really made a difference. There's enough to go round – we could feed everyone if we organised national spending better.

C The signs have been there for a long time; even if we'd done something about it sooner, it would still be a threat – not just to our climate and landscapes, but to the future of the entire planet.

D I'm worried about how many countries have got them now; we might have destroyed the whole world if there'd been a war in the '80s. And supposing they got into the wrong hands, it could still happen.

- 2 Read the **Learn this!** box. Then find examples of the second and third conditional with *if* in exercise 1.

LEARN THIS! Second and third conditional



- 1 We use the second conditional to talk about imaginary situations or events and their results. We use a past tense in the *if* clause and we use *would / could / might + infinitive without to* in the main clause.

If we lived in Africa, we might see more poverty.

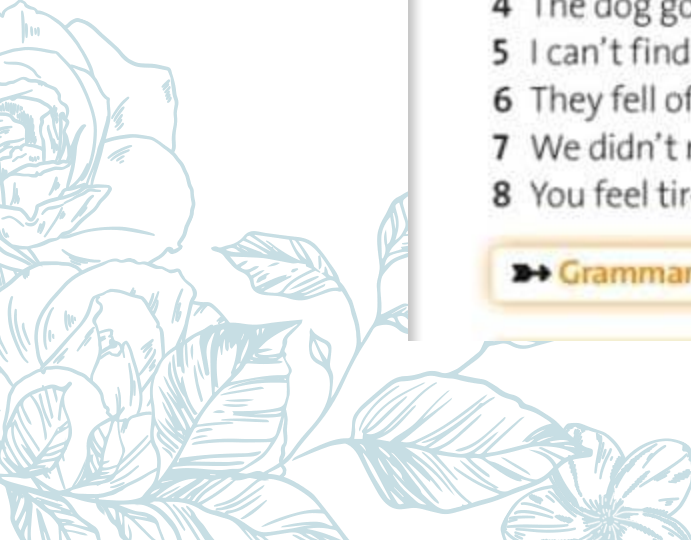

We often use *were* instead of *was* in the *if* clause.

We can use *could* instead of *would be able to* in the main clause.

If I were taller, I could reach that shelf.

- 2 We use the third conditional to talk about imaginary situations in the past and to say how things could have been different. We use *if + past perfect* and *would / could / might have + past participle*. It is not important which clause comes first.

If they hadn't protested, nothing would have changed.



**3 Rewrite the sentences using the second or third conditional.
Do not change the meaning.**

1 We got a taxi so we weren't late.

If we hadn't got a taxi, we would have been late.

2 I bought some new glasses because I broke my old ones.

3 Jane's exhausted so she won't go to the party.

4 The dog got out because Harry had left the door open.

5 I can't find his number so I can't call him.

6 They fell off their bikes because the road was icy.

7 We didn't realise you were coming so we didn't wait.

8 You feel tired because you don't get enough sleep.

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LEARN THIS! Alternatives to *if*

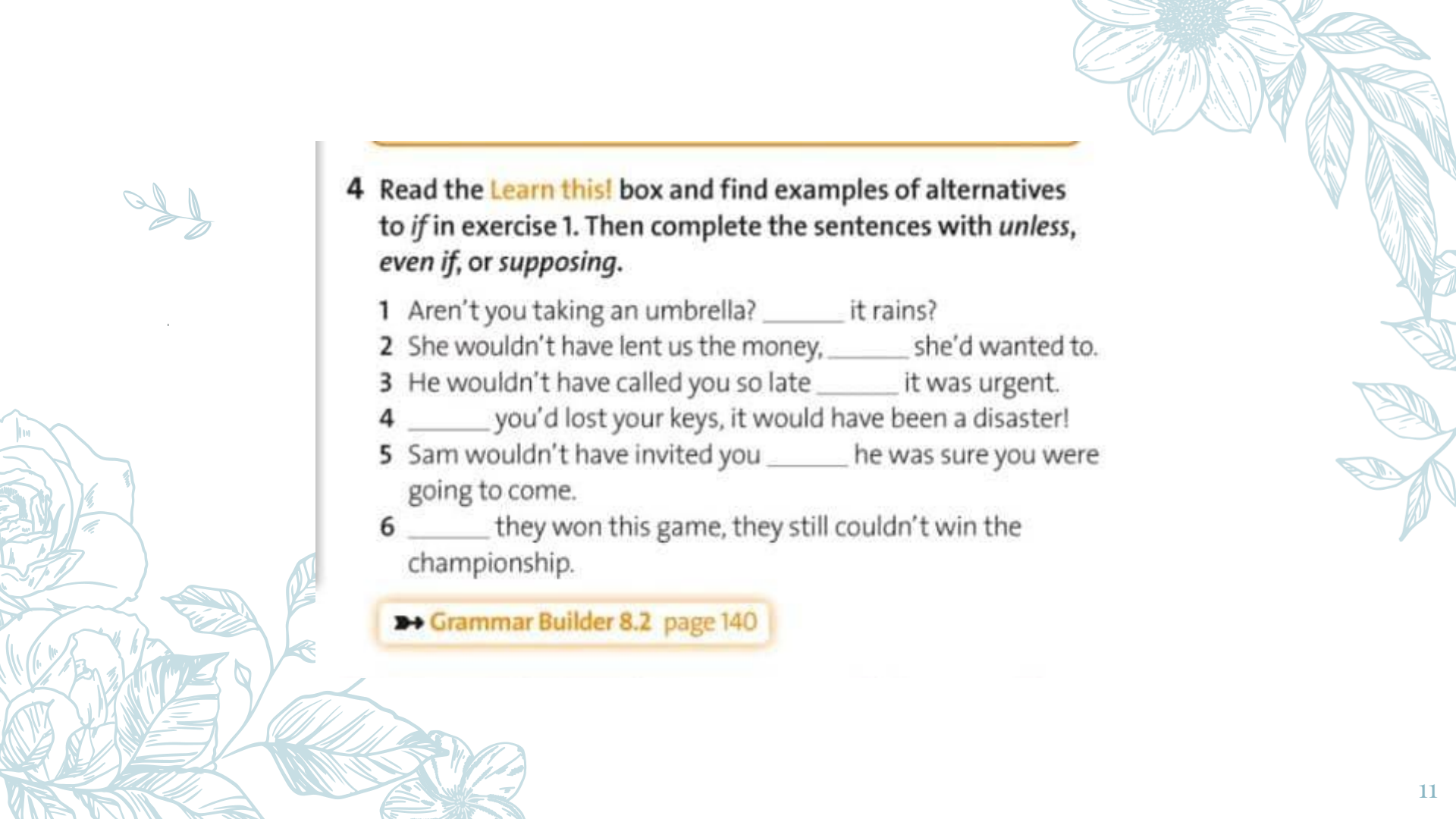


We can use *even if* instead of *if* in conditional sentences.
Even if I had enough money, I wouldn't buy that T-shirt.

We can use *unless* and the past simple to mean *if ... not*.
She wouldn't have signed the petition unless she thought it was important.

We can use *supposing (that)* to mean *what if*.
Supposing I'd missed the bus, we might never have met!

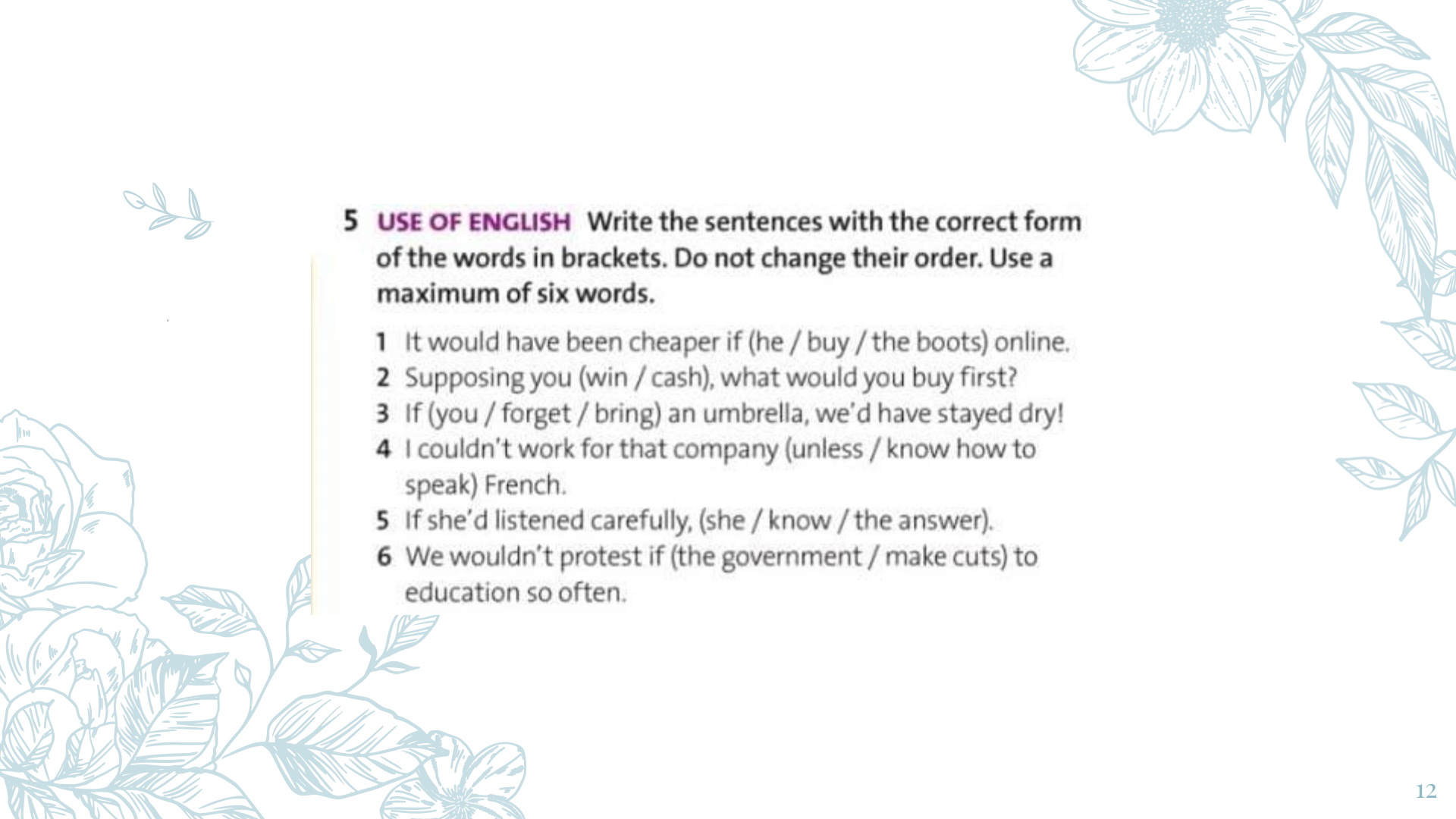
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4 Read the **Learn this!** box and find examples of alternatives to *if* in exercise 1. Then complete the sentences with *unless*, *even if*, or *supposing*.

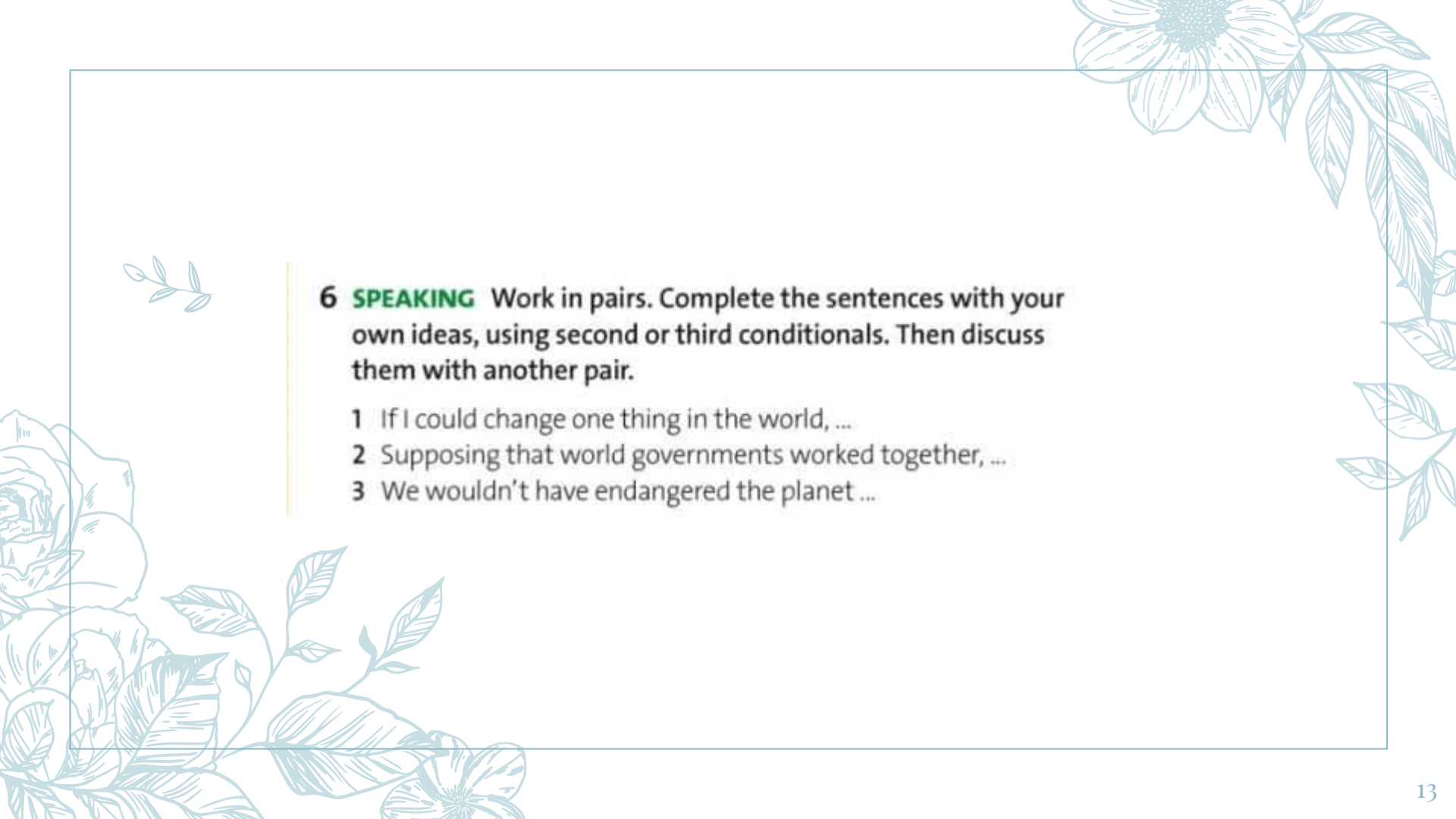
- 1 Aren't you taking an umbrella? _____ it rains?
- 2 She wouldn't have lent us the money, _____ she'd wanted to.
- 3 He wouldn't have called you so late _____ it was urgent.
- 4 _____ you'd lost your keys, it would have been a disaster!
- 5 Sam wouldn't have invited you _____ he was sure you were going to come.
- 6 _____ they won this game, they still couldn't win the championship.

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5 USE OF ENGLISH Write the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets. Do not change their order. Use a maximum of six words.

- 1 It would have been cheaper if (he / buy / the boots) online.
- 2 Supposing you (win / cash), what would you buy first?
- 3 If (you / forget / bring) an umbrella, we'd have stayed dry!
- 4 I couldn't work for that company (unless / know how to speak) French.
- 5 If she'd listened carefully, (she / know / the answer).
- 6 We wouldn't protest if (the government / make cuts) to education so often.



6 SPEAKING Work in pairs. Complete the sentences with your own ideas, using second or third conditionals. Then discuss them with another pair.

- 1 If I could change one thing in the world, ...
- 2 Supposing that world governments worked together, ...
- 3 We wouldn't have endangered the planet ...



① Choose between *if* and *unless*.

1. ____ you don't help me, I won't do it. 2. ____ I meet him, I'll tell him about the party. 3. ____ you are late, I'll leave without you. 4. I won't do it, _____ you agree to help me. 5. The teacher will be angry ____ you don't do the homework. 6. They'll be late ____ they leave soon. 7. In my country, ____ you don't speak English, you can't get a good job. 8. ____ I'm not feeling better tomorrow, I'll go to the doctors. 9. _____ you don't stop making that noise, I'll call the police.

