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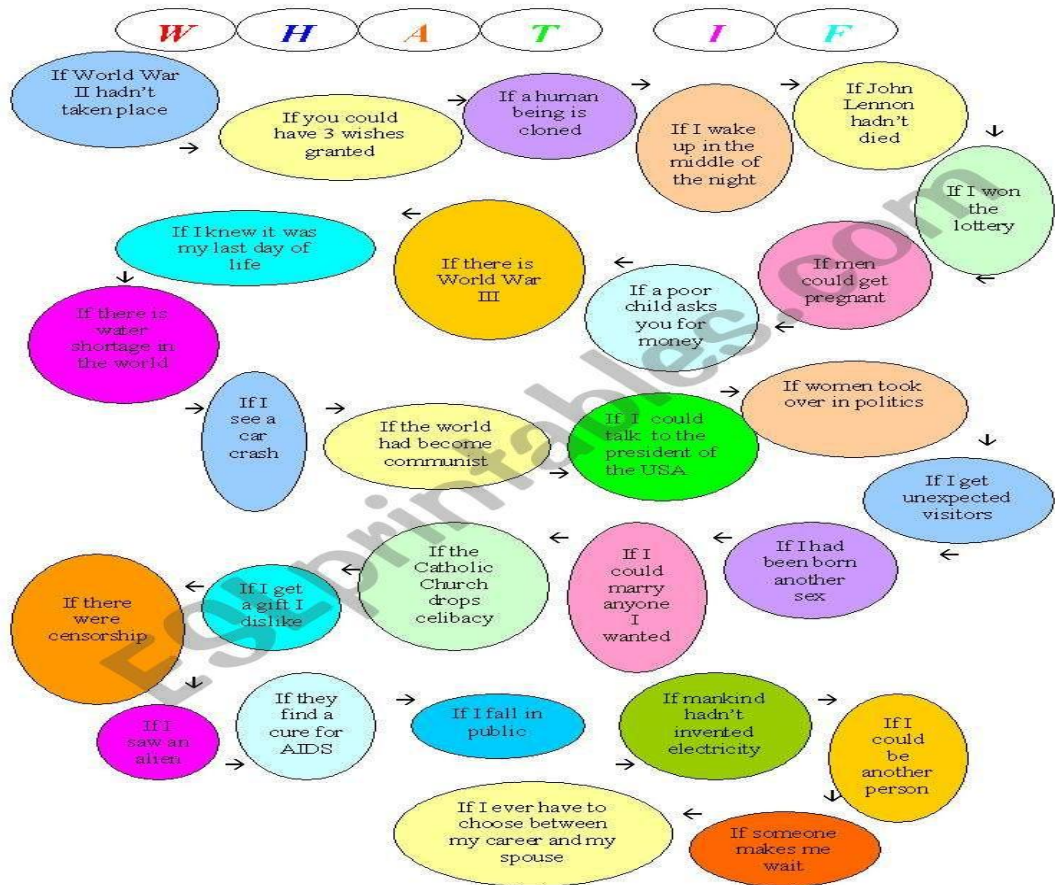
## About this template

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1 Read the text. Are there any similar charities or events in your country?

In 2015, the charity Comic Relief celebrated its 30th anniversary.

Based in the UK, it was set up by a group of comedians in response to the 1985 Ethiopian famine. They started 'Red Nose Day', a day when people across the UK get together for fundraising activities. People buy red noses and all of the money

from this goes towards Comic Relief. The money raised by Comic Relief helps people living in difficult conditions in the UK and around the world, and it's estimated that over 50 million people would be worse off today if the charity hadn't been set up. If it weren't for Comic Relief, literacy rates in Uganda would probably not have reached 73%. And the number of children attending primary school in Africa might not have increased by 60 million if the charity didn't exist. In 2015, the British public donated a staggering £78.1 million, bringing the total raised by Comic Relief in its thirty-year history to over £1 billion. But it couldn't have achieved all this if it didn't have the support of the comedians who take part and inspire the public to give so generously.



- 2 Read the **Learn this!** box. Then find examples of mixed conditionals in exercise 1.

**LEARN THIS!** Mixed conditionals



Mixed conditionals are a mixture of second and third conditional sentences. They occur when the *if* clause and main clause refer to different times (past and present).

(past) *If he'd read the map,* (present) *we wouldn't be lost.*

(present) *If he could drive,* (past) *he'd have got the job.*

**3 Match the two halves of the mixed conditional sentences.**

1 If he'd gone to bed earlier,

2 If it wasn't so cold,

3 If I were him,

4 If you hadn't already eaten it all,

5 If you hadn't been so rude,

6 If they'd remembered the address,

\_\_\_ a we could have some cake now.

\_\_\_ b she wouldn't be angry.

\_\_\_ c he wouldn't be so tired.


\_\_\_ d they'd be here by now.

\_\_\_ e we might have gone for a run.

\_\_\_ f I wouldn't have made that decision.

**5 USE OF ENGLISH** Write mixed conditional sentences that mean the same as the first sentence. Use the words in brackets.

- 1 I didn't reply because I can't hear you properly. (could)  
*I would have replied if I could hear you properly.*
- 2 Our car broke down this morning, so we have to walk to school now. (wouldn't)
- 3 He didn't vote because he's not interested in politics. (if)
- 4 Beth failed her exams so she isn't at college this year. (hadn't)
- 5 Because Max didn't go to university, he doesn't have a degree. (had)
- 6 I didn't help with the cooking because I'm a terrible cook. (weren't)
- 7 The forecast isn't good so they didn't go out. (have)
- 8 She's afraid of flying so she took a boat. (taken)
- 9 He didn't help the tourist because he can't speak Greek. (would)
- 10 Because I didn't eat breakfast, I'm hungry. (be)
- 11 Jay isn't good at maths so he couldn't help us. (could)

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- 6 SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Take turns to ask and answer questions with *What if ... ?* about these imaginary situations. Use mixed conditionals in your answers.

What if ...

- 1 you were the leader of your country?
- 2 you'd been born a boy/girl instead?
- 3 the internet hadn't been invented?
- 4 time travel were possible?
- 5 you had to live abroad for a year?
- 6 you were asked to give a speech to your school?

If I were the leader of my country, I'd have ...

If I'd been born a boy instead, I think I'd...



**10 SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Ask and answer two questions each from the list below. Try to include adjectives from exercise 8 in your answers.

- 1 Do you think the world has changed a lot so far during your lifetime?
- 2 Some people talk about wanting to 'put the clock back'. Would you like to do this? (Why? / Why not?)
- 3 Do you think technology is moving too quickly? (Why? / Why not?)
- 4 Do you think technology has changed the ways humans think and behave? If so, in what ways?
- 5 What single thing that you've bought or received has changed your life the most?

**11 SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Discuss the question below.

If you could 'uninvent' one piece of technology, what would you choose and why?