

5A GRAMMAR unreal conditionals

a Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets, using second or third conditionals.

1 They met in Paris at a conference.
If they *hadn't gone* to the conference in Paris, they *wouldn't have met*. (**not go / not meet**)



2 The curry is a little tasteless. I should have put more spices in it.
If I _____ more spices in the curry, it _____ better. (**put / taste**)

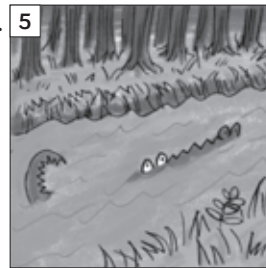


3 I'm not very happy in my present job. Maybe I should quit and look for another.
If I _____ another job, I might _____ happier. (**find / be**)



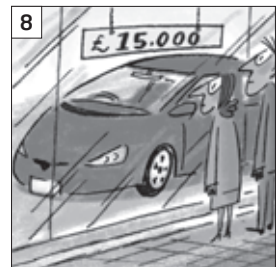
4 We got wet because you wouldn't take the bus. You wanted to walk.
We _____ wet if we _____ the bus. (**not get / take**)

5 Don't swim in that river; there might be crocodiles.
If I _____ you, I _____ in that river as there might be crocodiles. (**be / not swim**)



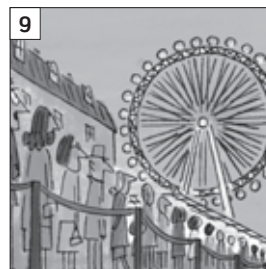
6 Laura fell in love with Tom. She left Liam.
Laura _____ Liam if she _____ in love with Tom. (**not leave / not fall**)

7 He used the stolen credit card at a hotel, so the police found him.
If he _____ the stolen credit card at a hotel, the police _____ him. (**not use / not find**)



8 They don't have enough money to buy a new car.
They _____ a new car if they _____ afford one. (**buy / can**)

9 We didn't go on the London Eye because the queue was too long.
We _____ on the London Eye, if the queue _____ so long. (**go / not be**)



10 My husband and I both work, so we can pay all the bills.
If we _____, we _____ to pay all the bills. (**not work / not be able**)

11 I didn't know you wanted to go to the concert. I didn't buy you a ticket.
I _____ you a ticket if I _____ that you wanted to go to the concert. (**buy / know**)



12 Nicola is overweight because she doesn't do any exercise.
Nicola _____ so overweight if she _____ some exercise. (**not be / do**)

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b Cover the sentences. Look at the pictures and try to remember the sentences.

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- a 2 had put; would have tasted / would taste
- 3 found; be
- 4 wouldn't have got; 'd taken
- 5 were; wouldn't swim
- 6 wouldn't have left; hadn't fallen
- 7 hadn't used; wouldn't have found
- 8 'd buy; could
- 9 would have gone; hadn't been
- 10 didn't (both) work; wouldn't be able
- 11 would have bought; 'd known
- 12 wouldn't be; did