

Grammar

Zero and first conditionals (if / unless)

1 Complete these sentences with *if* or *unless*.

- 1 I get the chance later, I'll call you.
- 2 People never get very far in life they have motivation.
- 3 you know someone well, you shouldn't ask them personal questions.
- 4 I'll feel happier I know you have arrived safely.
- 5 Some people get embarrassed they don't understand something properly.
- 6 I have an urgent appointment or am late, I always walk instead of taking the car.
- 7 she has therapy, she'll always be afraid of spiders.
- 8 I have a child, I won't let it suck its thumb.

2 Match the two halves of the conditional sentences in the box below. Then use the sentences to complete the dialogues, 1-8.

1st clause

- a If you start eating less and get some exercise,
- b People get bored
- c Giving up something is almost impossible
- d If you don't know what a word means,
- e If you don't ask her,
- f Unless he comes in the next five minutes,
- g They can't do that
- h If I don't get this work done,

2nd clause

- i you should first try to guess its meaning from its context.
- ii unless you make a real effort.
- iii you'll never know.
- iv we'll have to go without him.
- v I'll be in trouble.
- vi if they see the same, old familiar faces every day.
- vii unless they have a good reason.
- viii you'll lose the weight you've put on.

- 1 **A:** We're all going out tonight. Do you want to join us?
B: Thanks, but I can't. +
- 2 **A:** I was in town yesterday, when the police stopped me and asked for some identification. When I asked why, they wouldn't tell me.
B: That's not right. +
- 3 **A:** I weighed myself this morning. I've put on three kilos in the last month.
B: Well, there's a simple solution. +
- 4 **A:** I've got problems with reading. I spend a lot of time looking up words in the dictionary.
B: That's not always the best way. +
- 5 **A:** Where's Alan? He was supposed to be here ten minutes ago.
I don't know. +
- 6 **A:** I stopped eating red meat a couple of months ago, but last night I went out for dinner. Before I knew it, I was eating a large, juicy steak.

B: You obviously don't have the willpower.
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- 7 **A:** Sometimes I go into work, look at my colleagues and think to myself "Oh no, not again."
B: That's normal. +
- 8 **A:** I want to earn more money, but I'm worried about asking my boss for a pay rise in case she says no.
B: Well, that's silly. +