

7B GRAMMAR second conditional, choosing between conditionals

- a** Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verbs in brackets to make second conditional sentences. Use contractions where possible.

Lily This house looks nice and it's just been built. If we ¹moved (move) in there, we ²wouldn't need (not need) to do any work.

Ben Yes, but it's on a really busy road. We ³_____ (have) a lot of problems with noise if we ⁴_____ (live) there.

Lily Well, how about this one? It has three bedrooms, so we ⁵_____ (have) enough space if our friends or family ⁶_____ (come) to stay.

Ben And the garden's huge! If my sister ⁷_____ (bring) the kids, they ⁸_____ (have) lots of room to play.

Lily Yes, and we ⁹_____ (can) have some great parties outside if the weather ¹⁰_____ (be) good.

Ben So, where is it exactly?

Lily It's just outside Oxford.

Ben Oxford? That's nowhere near my work. If we ¹¹_____ (move) there, it ¹²_____ (take) me over an hour to drive to the office.

Lily Yes, but if you ¹³_____ (go) by train, it ¹⁴_____ (not take) that long. And you ¹⁵_____ (feel) much less stressed if you ¹⁶_____ (not have to) drive.

Ben Mmm, I suppose so. How much is it?

Lily It says 'offers over £595,000'.

Ben Wow! I think the bank manager ¹⁷_____ (laugh) at us if we ¹⁸_____ (ask) to borrow that much money.

Lily Yes, I guess it would be too expensive. I'll keep looking for something cheaper.



- b** Complete the sentences with a verb from the list in the first or second conditional. Write your answers in the column on the right. Use contractions where possible.

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- If they _____, they'll miss the bus.
- If we had the money, we _____ a beautiful house in the country.
- Lisa will have a lot of fun when she _____ to Germany to study next year.
- Unless they _____ the price, they'll never sell their house.
- If I were you, I _____ the dress back to the shop. It just doesn't suit you.
- Annabel will look for a job as soon as she _____ her degree.
- If it _____ so windy, we could go for a walk on the beach.
- If you _____ some extra money in your bank account, would you spend it?
- You _____ your homework if you keep chatting with your friends online.
- Sarah _____ really upset if she doesn't find her necklace. We must help her look for it.

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ACTIVATION

Test your memory. Cover the column on the right in **b** and look at the sentences. Read the sentences aloud with the verbs in the correct form.