

Progress test 14 – A matter of opinion

Grammar

1 Unreal conditionals 1

Use the prompts to write sentences with unreal conditionals. (6 marks)

Example: The room / look bigger / if we / paint / it a lighter colour.

Answer: The room would look bigger if we painted it a lighter colour.

1 Tom's free tomorrow. I'm sure he / help you / if you / ask / him.

2 If you / can / visit any country, / where / you go?

3 If you / plan / your work more carefully, / you probably / not make / so many mistakes.

4 If sea levels / rise / just a few centimetres, there / be / floods in many parts of the world.

5 What / you / choose to eat if I / offer / to cook you anything you wanted?

6 If we all / share / a room it / be / much cheaper.

2 Unreal conditionals 2

Circle the correct option to complete the sentences. (6 marks)

Example: If we don't hurry up we (!) / 'd miss the flight.

1 We'll finish much more quickly if we all work / worked together as a team.

2 The traffic is usually bad in the mornings so it will / would probably be better if we leave after lunch.

3 The world would be a much happier place if people stop / stopped worrying so much about money.

4 If you eat / ate all your dinner I'll let you have some ice cream for dessert.

5 It !! / 'd be much easier for you to save money if you didn't buy so many new clothes every month.

6 I'm sure Marianne will / would come to your party if you invited her.

VOCABULARY

3 Expressing opinions

Write the words to complete the expressions in the sentences. (7 marks)

Example: I t____k i____'s a great restaurant!

Answer: think, it's

1 A lot of people I know are scared of flying but I f____d i____ really exciting.

2 It's true that salaries are higher in this area. T____ t____g i____, it's also more expensive to live here.

3 The idea that there's too much sport on TV is ridiculous. A____ a____y, nobody is forced to watch it.

4 We r____y f____l that as the company is so successful we should all get a pay rise.

5 Everybody k____s t____t climate change is a big problem at the moment.

6 Sport keeps people fit and it stops them getting bored. And a____r t____g i____, it doesn't have to cost very much.

7 How can anyone believe that smoking isn't bad for your health? f c____e it's bad for your health! _____

4 Responding to opinions

Put the words in order to complete the responses. (5 marks)

Example: **A** Shopping online is great!

B what you're buying. / you don't / yes, but / to see / have the chance

Answer: Yes, but you don't have the chance to see what you're buying.

- 1 **A** Children spend far too much time playing computer games these days.
B but a lot of / sorry, / really educational. / are actually / computer games

- 2 **A** It's obvious that kids with intelligent parents are going to do well at school.
B they still have to / do / not really. / well, / the work.

- 3 **A** I never read newspapers. They're all full of lies.
B you're talking about. / I think it / just / which newspapers / a second. / depends

- 4 **A** So basically you think it's a good idea for schools to teach children about food and health?
B can argue / I don't think / yes, exactly. / with that. / anyone

- 5 **A** Car parks have to be expensive because if they weren't they would always be full.
B they could / OK, that's / a bit cheaper! / make them / a good point. / but I still think

- 5 I wonder what happen if all the computers in the world suddenly stopped working!

- 6 If it's the only time you're free, then 10 is fine, but if not, it be better for me to meet a bit later.

- 7 Free tickets for the match? That be fantastic!

- 8 When I was a child it often snow so much that we couldn't go out for a week!

EXPLORE SPEAKING

⑥ Agreeing and disagreeing

Complete B's responses, using one word from box A and one word from box B. (8 marks)

Example: **A** That was a fantastic speech.

B I'm not sure about that. She didn't really say anything new.

A

might I'm good thought I

B

guess wrong point about not

KEYWORD *would*

⑤ Uses of *would*

Rewrite the sentences, adding *would* in the correct place. (8 marks)

Example: I like a room, please. For tonight.

Answer: I would like a room, please. For tonight.

- 1 You mind turning the radio down a bit, please?

- 2 Let's get some Chinese food. Or you prefer Indian?

- 3 During the school holidays my friends and I always go away on a camping trip.

- 4 It be possible for you to give me a lift to the station?

- 1 **A** Violent sports like boxing leave a bad impression on young people. Don't you agree?
B I haven't _____ it a lot, but I suppose they do, really.
- 2 **A** It's amazing how much house prices have increased in the last few years.
B Well, I _____ be _____ but I think they actually fell last year.
- 3 **A** That restaurant we went to yesterday was really expensive, wasn't it?
B _____ the prices were a bit high, especially as the food wasn't particularly good.
- 4 **A** Children don't play sport these days because they spend too much time on the Internet.
B That's a _____, but I think they learn a lot from the Internet as well.