

Grammar Conditionals

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Discuss with a partner. Which of these are the statements of a selfish person? Which ones are true for you, or someone you know?

- I get a lot more pleasure from giving presents than receiving them.
- I wouldn't dream of sharing my favourite chocolates with anyone!
- I sometimes put my bag on the seat next to me on the train, to stop someone else sitting there.
- I would never play loud music if it might annoy other people.
- I sometimes find it difficult to listen to people telling me their problems because I'm dying to tell them mine.

How selfish are you?

1 Statements 1–5 show the results of studies into selfishness. Read them and match them with photos A–E. Choose the answer you think is true in each statement.


1 **81% / 51%** of people said that if they found a bag containing £1 million in cash and jewellery, they would take it to the police.

2 If people saw someone in trouble, they would be **more / less** likely to help if there were other people around.

3 People would be more likely to help a lost child in the street if they lived in a **small town / a city**.

4 If you waited at the side of the road, drivers of **cheaper / expensive** cars would be more likely to stop and let you cross.

5 If you were an only child, you would be **more / no more** selfish than children with brothers and sisters.

2  9.1 Discuss your answers as a class, then listen and check. Did any of them surprise you? Why?

3 Tell your partner what you would do in the situations in 1.

1 If I found a bag containing £1 million, ...

I'd definitely take it to a police station.

I wouldn't. I'd give the money to charity.

2 If I saw someone in trouble and there were other people around, ...

I'd / I wouldn't ...

3 If a child in the street told me he was lost, ...

4 If I was in my car and saw someone waiting at the side of the road, ...

5 If I were an only child, I think ...

