## Conditionals

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## Before you start

Read Danny's blog and his phone conversation with his father. Look at the highlighted grammar examples.

## ARRESTED!

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Sorry it's been a long time folks, but I'm just back from my trip to the States to go to my cousin's 21st birthday party, and guess what ... I was arrested! You see, I'd taken some medicine for my fear of flying - going to the States was the longest journey I'd done. The box said to take two, but it was a long flight and I thought 'I'll take four in case two don't last long enough.' Four was obviously too many: they made me aggressive and I behaved rather badly on the plane back. It's so annoying - if I wasn't so afraid of flying, I wouldn't have taken anything! Anyway, the police officer said, 'The airlines always call us if someone causes a problem on a plane. It's very serious.' I apologised, but they took me to the police station. I called my Dad ...

The police have arrested me, Dad. I took some medicine for my fear of flying on DANNY the way home from Las Vegas, and apparently I became aggressive and upset the

passengers next to me. I can't remember. Anyway, can you come? I'm sure the police would believe you if you talked to them. You know I wouldn't ask you to do

this unless I had to, but I'm really worried.

Of course. I'll come straight away. Are they treating you well? DAD

DANNY Yes, but they want me to sign a written statement.

I'd rather you didn't do that, Danny. I'll call my lawyer – wait until he gets there. DAD

DANNY Oh, OK. It's stupid – if I hadn't taken that medicine, I'd be home now.

Yes, well, if you hadn't accepted that invitation to your cousin's party, this wouldn't DAD have happened ...

2 Now read the sentences and choose the correct words in italics. The highlighted grammar examples will help you.

1 Notice: we always inform the police if you will steal / steal from us! ➤ Unit 54

2 It's freezing outside. Take your coat if / in case you have to wait for the bus. ➤ Unit 54

3 I would invite her to the party if I know / knew her phone number. ➤ Unit 55

4 We wouldn't ask you to help us unless / in case it was necessary.

8 Do you have to stay in Canada? We'd rather you come / came home.

5 If you had arrived on time, we won't / wouldn't have missed the train. ➤ Unit 56

➤ Unit 57

6 If we hadn't met in the hospital, we would both still be / have been single!

7 I wouldn't have agreed to marry you if I didn't / don't love you! ➤ Unit 57

3 Check your answers below. Then go to the unit for more information and practice.

I steal 2 in case 3 knew 4 unless 5 wouldn't 6 be 7 didn't 8 came

➤ Unit 55

➤ Unit 58