

PRACTICE

1 Choose the correct meaning, A or B.

- 0 If Charles got a pay rise, he'd buy a better car.
A I think Charles will get a pay rise. **B** I think Charles is unlikely to get a pay rise.
- 1 If house prices rise, we'll sell our flat and buy a cottage in the country.
A The speaker thinks house prices will probably rise.
B The speaker thinks house prices probably won't rise.
- 2 If I were you, I'd take the train to Cornwall; it's more relaxing than driving.
A I'm giving advice. B You've taken the train before.
- 3 If I had a mobile phone, I'd call the police.
A I might call the police. B I can't call the police.
- 4 Suppose you had a yacht, where would you sail to?
A You have a yacht. B You don't have a yacht.
- 5 Pablo would be very disappointed if he didn't pass the exam.
A Pablo expects to pass the exam. B Pablo doesn't expect to pass the exam.

2 Write one word only (or a short form) in each gap to make second conditional sentences.

▶▶ 3.43 Listen and check.

- 0 If I moved..... to another country, I think I would..... go to Mexico.
- 1 If there more rain here, the countryside be much greener.
- 2 I talk to him right now if I you – he's in a terrible mood.
- 3 there were no borders between countries, wouldn't it wonderful?
- 4 The director wouldn't make any redundancies it really necessary.
- 5 If Jonas you to marry him, what you say?
- 6 I've got an awful voice, but if I sing, I join a choir.

3 GRAMMAR IN USE Read the letter and then complete the responses below, using the underlined parts of the letter to help you. ▶▶ 3.44 Listen and check.

This week's problem

We're really worried about our son at present. He's fifteen and he's just started going round with a gang of older boys who are involved in petty crime. (0) We don't take him to school in the morning, and we know that he doesn't actually go to school a lot of the time – he meets these boys. They go to the cinema and funfairs, and our son uses (1) the money we give him for lunch to go with them. (2) We haven't talked

to our son about this yet, because we're sure (3) he'd just lie to us – he accuses us of treating him like a child and watching him all the time. (4) We really don't know whether to talk to the police about him – it seems so drastic. There's a parents' evening at school next week, so (5) perhaps we should speak to his teachers first. We don't know (6) if there's any way they can help us.

- 0 If you took him to school..... in the morning, you could make sure he goes inside.
- 1 He wouldn't be able to spend money on funfairs if you
- 2 I would talk to your son if I
- 3 He probably lie to you if you treated him like an adult.
- 4 If I were you I unless you know he has committed a crime. Your son is very young and you don't want the police involved at this stage.
- 5 It would be a good idea if you They might be worried, too.
- 6 The teachers know your son. If you speak to them, they