

## If you were a ...

5 In job interviews, a common style of question is *If you were a ... , which ... would you be?*

If you were an animal, which animal would you be?

I'd be a cat. Because they're intelligent, independent, and they get what they want.

Why do people ask this?

6 Work in groups. Use the words below to ask and answer questions. Give reasons for your answers.

If you were a/an ... ,

**animal | colour | car | fruit | month | musical instrument**

which/what kind of ... would you be?



## SPOKEN ENGLISH Expressions with *if*

There are many fixed expressions with *if*. Match a line in **A** and **B**.

A	B
1 If all goes well,	a could I have a word with you?
2 'You should have come to Jo's party. That girl you fancy was there!'	b I'd never forgive myself.
3 If you've got a minute,	c If anything, he's a bit shy.
4 If anything bad happened to him,	d if I remember rightly.
5 Give Jeff a promotion?! If you ask me	e we can always postpone it.
6 It was the 13th April, not the 14th,	f 'Oh! If only I'd known!'
7 You think I'd follow your advice?	g if any at all.
8 If the worst comes to the worst,	h he should be sacked!
9 There'd be few advantages,	i we'll be finished by Friday.
10 I don't think he's cold or arrogant.	j As if!

11.5 Listen to the conversations and check. What extra lines do you hear? What are the contexts? Practise with a partner.

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## Reading and speaking

### Have you ever wondered?

1 Have you ever wondered about these things? Discuss them in groups. Do you know, or can you think of, the answers to any of the questions?

Why are buttons on different sides on men's and women's clothing?

Why is it so difficult to swat a fly?

How many species live in or on the human body?

Why do we dream?

What is the origin of the @ symbol?



2 Check your ideas on pages 114–115 and discuss them with your group.