

Practice

1 Read the statements carefully and think about the meaning. Then choose the correct words in *italics* in the explanations.

- 1 'If we'd missed that flight, we wouldn't be on the beach now.'
We *are* / *aren't* on the beach now. We *missed* / *didn't miss* the flight.
- 2 'If she wanted to see you again, she would have phoned by now.'
She *has* / *hasn't* phoned. She probably *does* / *doesn't* want to see you again.
- 3 'If we'd taken out the warranty, we wouldn't need to pay for these repairs.'
We *took* / *didn't take* out a warranty so we *have to* / *don't have to* pay for these repairs.
- 4 'I'd ask for a refund if I were you.'
I'm *talking about the past* / *giving advice*.
- 5 'We'd get a lot more light if there wasn't a huge tree in our back garden.'
There *is* / *used to be* a big tree in our garden.
- 6 'You'd be able to spend more time with the children if you changed to a part-time job.'
I think you are *likely* / *unlikely* to change your job.
- 7 'If we knew more about computers, we wouldn't have had to call the technical helpline.'
We *had to* / *didn't have to* call the helpline because we *didn't* / *don't* know much about computers.
- 8 'We'd have a less stressful life if we didn't live so far from the office.'
I'm expressing a regret about a *past* / *present* situation.

2 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Read each short text and the conditional sentences that follow it. Tick (✓) the correct conditional sentences. (One or two may be correct in each case.) Put a cross (X) by the incorrect ones. Think about the meaning as well as the grammar.

2 IN LAST WEEK'S peaceful demonstrations in Burma, one demonstrator was seriously injured when she fell and was trampled by the crowd trying to flee from the water cannons. She is still in hospital in a critical condition.

- A If the demonstrator didn't fall, she might not be in hospital now.
- B If the demonstrator hadn't fallen, she might not be in hospital now.
- C If the demonstrator hadn't fallen, she might not have been seriously injured.

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1 Concorde crash

The report into the crash of the Air France Concorde attributed the disaster to a piece of metal on the runway, apparently from a Continental Airlines DC10 which had taken off minutes before.

The metal caused one of Concorde's tyres to burst, which in turn ruptured the fuel tank on the left-hand side of the plane.

- A If the runway were swept after each take-off, the disaster might have been averted.
- B If the runway had been swept after the DC10 take-off, the disaster could have been averted.
- C If the runway hadn't been swept after the DC10 take-off, the disaster might have been averted.

3 Over ninety-five percent of people who successfully complete our course find that they recover the course fees within a few months through income from having their work published.

- A Should you not recover the fees within a year of completing the course, we would give you a full refund.
- B Did you not recover the fees within a year of completing the course, we would give you a full refund.
- C If you hadn't recovered the fees within a year of completing the course, we would give you a full refund.