

XIV CONDITIONAL SENTENCES

Put in the missing verbs forms.

The family party was in full swing when the phone rang. Dr Craig answered it. He listened carefully for a moment, then said, "I'll come right away." "Do you *have* to go out?" his wife asked. "If it **is** an urgent case, I have to go," Dr Craig answered. "If I (*should*) **should be** late, please don't wait up for me." Dr Craig drove into the night. If I don't hurry, he thought, I (*might*) **might be** too late. The thought made him drive faster. After driving for an hour, he arrived at a house. All the lights were on. If all the family is up, the doctor thought, the situation (*must*) **must be** serious. A woman opened the front door immediately. "Thank God you've come, doctor," she cried. "It's my daughter." A sleepy child of about six appeared in a night-dress. "I told her," her mother said, "(*go*) **go** to bed, or I'll fetch the doctor'." "See," she shouted at the child. "I've done it. Here's the doctor!"

Put in the right conditionals.

Grygori Pilikian recently celebrated his 114th birthday and reporters visited him in his mountain village in Georgia to find out the secret of a long life. "The secret of a long life," Grygori said, "is happiness. If you (*be*) **are** happy, you will live a long life." "Are you married?" a reporter asked. "Yes," Grygori replied, "I married my third wife when I was 102. If you are happily married, you (*live*) **(will) live** for ever. But for my third wife, I (*die*) **would/should have died** (or: might/could have died) years ago." "What about smoking and drinking?" a reporter asked. "Yes, they are important," Grygori said. "Don't smoke at all and you (*feel*) **will feel** well. Drink two glasses of wine a day and you (*be*) **will be** healthy and happy." "If you (*can/live*) **could live** your life again, what (*you/do*) **would you do**?" a reporter asked. "I would do what I have done. If I had had more sense, I (*eat*) **would have eaten** more yoghurt!" he chuckled. "Supposing you (*can/change*) **could change/could have changed** one thing in your life what (*you/change*) **would you change/would you have changed**?" another reporter asked. "Not much," Grygori replied. "So you don't have any regrets?" "Yes, I have one regret," Grygori replied. "If I (*know*) **had known** I was going to live so long, I (*look after*) **would have looked after** myself better!"

Complete the sentences with the verbs in parentheses. Some of the verbs are passive.

- Suggested answers

- 1 If I could speak Japanese, I (*spend*) **would spend** next year studying in Japan.
- 2 Had I known Mr. Jung was in the hospital, I (*send*) **would have sent** him a note and some flowers.
- 3 We will move into our new house next month if it (*complete*) **is completed** by then.
- 4 How old (*be, you*) **would you be** now if you (*be*) **had been** born in the year 1900?
- 5 It is too bad that it is snowing. If it (*snow, not*) **weren't snowing**, we could go for a drive.
- 6 I was very tired. Otherwise, I (*go*) **would have gone** to the party with you last night.
- 7 I am broke, but I (*have*) **would have** plenty of money now if I (*spend, not*) **hadn't spent** so much yesterday.
- 8 That child had a narrow escape. She (*hit*) **would have been hit** by a car if her father (*pull, not*) **hadn't pulled** her out of the street.
- 9 I am glad I have so many friends and such a wonderful family. Life without any friends or family (*be*) **would be** lonely for me.
- 10 My grand father is no longer alive, but if he (*be*) **were**, I am sure he (*be*) **would be** proud of me.

11 If you (*sleep, not*) **hadn't been sleeping** last night when we arrived, I would have asked you to go with us, but I did not want to wake you up.

12 Bill has such a bad memory that he (*forget*) **would forget** his head if it (*be, not*) **were not** attached to his body.

13 According to one report, the average hen lays 247 eggs a year, and the average person eats 255 eggs a year. If hens (*outnumber, not*) **didn't outnumber** people, the average person (*eat, not*) **wouldn't eat** 255 eggs a year.