

Practice

1 Underline the most suitable verb forms in each sentence.

- a) If the machine stops/will stop, you press/will press this button.
- b) I can't understand what he sees in her! If anyone treats/will treat/treated me like that, I am/will be/would be extremely angry!
- c) If you help/helped me with this exercise, I will/would do the same for you one day.
- d) According to the timetable, if the train leaves/left on time, we will/would arrive at 5.30.
- e) If it is/will be fine tomorrow, we go/will go to the coast.
- f) If we find/found a taxi, we will get/would get there before the play starts.
- g) It's quite simple really. If you take/will take/took these tablets every day, then you lose/will lose/lost/would lose weight.
- h) I don't like this flat. I think I am/I will be/I'd be happier if I live/will live/would live/lived in a house in the country.
- i) I don't know how to play baseball, but I'm sure that if I will do/did, I play/will play/would play a lot better than anyone in this awful team!
- j) If I phone/will phone/phoned you tonight, are you/will you be/would you be in?

2 Underline the most suitable verb forms in each sentence.

- a) Why didn't you tell me? If you told/had told me, I had helped/would have helped you.
- b) If Bill didn't steal/hadn't stolen the car, he wasn't/wouldn't be/hadn't been in prison now.
- c) If Ann wasn't driving/didn't drive/hadn't driven so fast, her car didn't crash/wouldn't crash/wouldn't have crashed into a tree.
- d) Let me give you some advice. If you smoked/would smoke/had smoked less, you didn't feel/wouldn't feel/wouldn't have felt so tired.
- e) What bad luck! If Alan didn't fall/hadn't fallen/wouldn't fall over, he won/would win/would have won the race.
- f) If you invited/had invited me last week, I was able/had been able/would have been able to come.
- g) I'm sure your letter hasn't arrived yet. If it came/had come I'm sure I noticed/had noticed/would have noticed it.
- h) We have a suggestion to make. How do you feel/would you feel if we offered/would offer/had offered you the job of assistant manager?
- i) If you lent/had lent us the money, we paid/would pay/had paid you back next week.
- j) Terry never catches anything when he goes fishing. And if he catches/caught/had caught a fish, he throws/would throw it back!

3 Put each verb in brackets into a suitable verb form.

- a) Why didn't you phone? If I (know) had known you were coming, I (meet) you at the airport.
- b) It's a pity you missed the party. If you (come) , you (meet) my friends from Hungary.
- c) If we (have) some tools, we (be able) to repair the car, but we haven't got any with us.
- d) If you (not help) me, I (not pass) the exam.
- e) It's a beautiful house, and I (buy) it if I (have) the money, but I can't afford it.
- f) I can't imagine what I (do) with the money if I (win) the lottery.
- g) If Mark (train) harder, he (be) a good runner.
- h) If Claire (listen) to her mother, she (not marry) David in the first place.

4 Rewrite each sentence, beginning as shown. Do not change the meaning.

- a) I didn't have an umbrella with me and so I got wet.
I wouldn't have got wet if I'd had an umbrella with me
- b) I'll call the police if you don't leave me alone!
Unless
- c) In the snowy weather we don't go to school.
If
- d) Without Jack's help, I wouldn't have been able to move the table.
If
- e) Make me some coffee, and I'll give you one of my biscuits.
If
- f) If you hadn't told me about Sue's hair, I wouldn't have noticed.
Unless
- g) If you see Peter, tell him to be here at 8.00.
Should
- h) I wouldn't accept if you asked me to marry you!
If you were