

INTERMEDIATE UNIT 9

9.1 hypothetical conditional: past

1 Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 **A:** It's her own fault she failed the exam.
B: I know. If she'd studied more, she would *have/had* passed.
- 2 **A:** Oh look, there's the CEO.
B: What? I would have worn something smart if I *would know/'d known* she was coming.
- 3 **A:** Have you got any regrets?
B: Not really, but if I hadn't *become/became* an accountant, I would have trained as a teacher.
- 4 **A:** You're late!
B: It's not my fault! I would have been here sooner if the bus *hadn't/would have* broken down!
- 5 **A:** Where were you last night?
B: Sorry, I was ill. I *would have come/would come* if I hadn't been feeling so bad.
- 6 **A:** Hi, I'm home!
B: Oh, you're early! I would have made you dinner if I *'d known/I knew*.
- 7 **A:** Do you think Ricky's OK?
B: I'm sure he is. If anything *would happen/had happened*, he would have called us.
- 8 **A:** Why did you tell Flo about her surprise party?
B: I'm sorry. If I'd known it was a surprise, I *would never have/wouldn't have never* said anything.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I _____ (book) that holiday if it _____ (not be) so expensive.
- 2 Suzanne _____ (call) us by now if she _____ (hear) anything.
- 3 If you _____ (tell) us it was your birthday, we _____ (buy) you a present.
- 4 If Brennan _____ (not give away) that penalty, we _____ (win) the game.
- 5 They _____ (not go) there if they _____ (not be) able to get cheap tickets.
- 6 If I _____ (realised) you were on the phone to your mum, I _____ (turn) the volume down.
- 7 I _____ (call) you if I _____ (know) you were in town last weekend.
- 8 If you _____ (not leave) your bag there, it _____ (not be) stolen.
- 9 Our holiday _____ (not be) so expensive if we _____ (go) earlier in the year.
- 10 Fiona _____ (not go) to bed so late if she _____ (had) an exam the next day.

9.2 active vs passive

1 Underline the correct alternative.

I never used to like history lessons at school. The teacher never ¹*was brought/brought* history to life and it was really boring. We ²*were always told/always told* to just read out long passages from textbooks to the class. You never ³*were known/knew* when it was going to be your turn and then, suddenly, you ⁴*were chosen/chose* by the teacher to read the next paragraph. Since then, I ⁵*'ve been discovered/'ve discovered* that history is actually really interesting. I ⁶*'ve been shown/'ve shown* some really interesting documentaries over the years by friends, which have really got me interested. At the moment I ⁷*'m being done/'m doing* a course on twentieth-century history, and we ⁸*'ve been given/'ve given* various topics to research and present to the class. It's absolutely fascinating, and next week I ⁹*'ll be given/'ll give* the opportunity to present what I found out. I hope children ¹⁰*are taught/teach* history in a similar way at school these days.

2 Use the prompts to make sentences and questions in the active or passive. Use the tense in brackets.

- 1 Julie / not tell / about / changes / yet
(present perfect)
- 2 I / read / fantastic / book / moment
(present continuous)
- 3 new / stadium / build / for / World Cup
(present continuous)
- 4 what / discuss / at / meeting? (will)
- 5 nobody / wish / me / happy / birthday / today
(present perfect)
- 6 first successful photograph / produce / Joseph N. Niépce / 1826
(past simple)
- 7 English / speak / here
(present simple)
- 8 my car / repair / moment
(present continuous)
- 9 vandals / punish (will)
- 10 who / win / next / World Cup? (will)

9.3 expressing uncertainty

- 1** Underline the correct alternative.
- 1 **A:** What time does the game start?
B: I'm *fairly sure/sure fairly* it's half past three.
- 2 **A:** Can we take our dog in the café?
B: No. It's *definitely not/not definitely* allowed.
- 3 **A:** What's the capital of Chad?
B: I have *any/no* idea.
- 4 **A:** What did she say her name was?
B: Um, I'm *not/can't* remember!
- 5 **A:** When's Lia's birthday?
B: I'm sure *isn't it/it isn't* today.
- 6 **A:** What currency do they use in Brazil?
B: I haven't *a clue/clues*, sorry.
- 7 **A:** What's his surname?
B: I'm not *a/the* hundred percent certain, but it might be Jones.
- 8 **A:** What was the homework?
B: I've/*m* forgotten.
- 2** Put the underlined words in the correct order to complete the sentences.
- 1 I don't know who took my wallet, but fairly / I'm / sure it was that man over there.

- 2 **A:** What's the name of that building?
B: no / I / idea / have.

- 3 Which way is it? not / definitely / it's left again here.

- 4 **A:** Which house is Claire's?
B: I / remember / can't.

- 5 certain / percent / I'm / a / not / hundred, but I think we're playing Chelsea this weekend.

- 6 **A:** How much money should I take with me?
B: haven't / I / clue / a.

- 7 **A:** How old is Jackie?
B: forgotten / I've.

- 8 What's Lisa's middle name? isn't / I'm / it / sure Anne.

Consolidation

- 1** Choose the correct answer, a), b) or c).

Caesar and the pirates

Of all the stories which are usually told about Caesar, one of my favourites is the one about the time he ¹_____ kidnapped by pirates. They had originally asked for quite a big ransom. I'm not a ²_____ percent certain, but it might have been around 600 pieces of silver. However, Caesar felt he was worth much more, and so he ³_____ that they ask for more than double. If he ⁴_____ so arrogant, they would have got a lot less.

While the ransom ⁵_____, Caesar made friends with the pirates. He ⁶_____ poems and played games with them, and they grew to like him. I can't ⁷_____ how long he was with them, but I'm ⁸_____ it was more than a month.

Anyway, when he ⁹_____, he promised to return and capture them. They obviously didn't believe him and stayed where they were. Sure enough, as soon as a small army ¹⁰_____ formed, Caesar returned, ¹¹_____ the pirates and collected his money back. If the pirates had left after they had released him, they ¹²_____!

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| 1 a) was | b) were | c) had |
| 2 a) twenty | b) very | c) hundred |
| 3 a) was demanded | b) demanded | c) demands |
| 4 a) didn't be | b) hadn't been | c) wouldn't have been |
| 5 a) collected | b) is being collected | c) was being collected |
| 6 a) was written | b) writes | c) wrote |
| 7 a) remember | b) understand | c) know |
| 8 a) know | b) sure | c) absolutely |
| 9 a) was released | b) released | c) was releasing |
| 10 a) had been | b) is | c) has |
| 11 a) was captured | b) captures | c) captured |
| 12 a) would escape | b) would have escaped | c) had escaped |

