

## Intermediate grammar exercise: first vs. second conditional, ex. 1

### English grammar practice exercise, intermediate

This exercise focuses on the difference between first conditional and second conditional sentences.

#### Exercise instructions

Decide whether the following sentences should be in the first or second conditional, and put the verb in brackets into the appropriate form.

1. He's coming to our offices tomorrow. If I (see) \_\_\_\_\_ him, I'll give him the message.
2. We (move) \_\_\_\_\_ if we had the money. Unfortunately new houses are very expensive in this area.
3. If I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ a millionaire, I'd still work so that I didn't get bored.
4. If I (tell) \_\_\_\_\_ you a secret, will you promise not to tell anyone?
5. Do you think it would be better if I (wait) \_\_\_\_\_ another week, or shall I sell my shares in the company now?
6. If he causes any more problems, I (fire) \_\_\_\_\_ him.
7. Would you mind if I (open) \_\_\_\_\_ the window? It's really hot in here.
8. If I (lose) \_\_\_\_\_ my job, I'd apply to join the police.
9. Where would you go if you (can) \_\_\_\_\_ go anywhere in the world?
10. If you (see) \_\_\_\_\_ her, say hello.

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### Key

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3. If I (be) **were/ was** a millionaire, I'd still work so that I didn't get bored.
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