

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.
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