

## In an ideal world...

## 1 GRAMMAR second conditional

a Correct any mistakes in the **highlighted** phrases. Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

1 If she gets the job, she'd have to move to France.

If she got the job

2 I'd help you this weekend if I could, but I can't.

✓

3 They wouldn't sell their house, even if someone

offers them a million euros.

even if someone offered

4 If he doesn't like the job so much, he wouldn't work

so hard, but he loves it.

If he didn't like the job so much

5 I'd save a bit more money if I were you.

✓

6 If I could choose my job, I'll be a journalist.

I would be a journalist

7 If I didn't have small children, I'd travel more, but

they're too young at the moment.

✓

8 We'd go to the cinema more often,

if we'd have the time.

if we had the time

b Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the first or second conditional.

1 If I didn't need the money, I wouldn't work on

Saturdays. (not work)

2 I will meet you at the airport if you tell me what

time the flight arrives. (meet)

3 If you're late again, you will lose your job. (lose)

4 If she wasn't so selfish, she would have more

friends. (not be)

5 Would you retire if you won the lottery?

(retire)

6 We'll be very surprised if they get married this year.

(get married)

7 If there were more car parks, there wouldn't be so

much traffic. (not be) were going out

8 You'd meet more people if you go out more

often. (go out)

9 If I have more time next year, I will learn another

language. (learn) would have learned

10 If I had more time, I learned another language

but I'm too busy. (learn)

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## 2 PRONUNCIATION word and sentence stress

a Underline the stressed syllable.

1 armchair

7 garage

2 chimney

8 cottage

3 residential

9 inhabitant

4 detached

10 suburbs

5 terraced

11 dishwasher

6 balcony

12 apartment

b Underline the words you would normally stress in these sentences.

1 If you went to classes, you'd learn to swim in two months.

2 I wouldn't work if I didn't need the money.

3 If you went to bed earlier, you'd feel better.

4 She'd phone if she couldn't come.

5 We'd get there quicker if we took a taxi.

c Practise saying the words in a and the sentences in b.

### 3 VOCABULARY houses

a Complete the description with words from the list.

sink centre walls gate garage washbasin  
armchairs village bathroom path dishwasher  
shower garden coffee table bedrooms



This is a traditional cottage, with thick stone <sup>1</sup> walls, located in a quiet <sup>2</sup> village although it is only 40 km from the city <sup>3</sup> centre. It has a large <sup>4</sup> garden all around the house. From the garden <sup>5</sup> gate, a wide <sup>6</sup> path leads up to the front door. It doesn't have a <sup>7</sup> garage but there is usually no problem with parking. The living room is small but comfortable. It is furnished with a sofa, two <sup>8</sup> armchairs and a <sup>9</sup> coffee table in the centre of the room. There are large glass doors that lead into the back garden. The kitchen is modern, with a new cooker, fridge, and <sup>10</sup> dishwasher. It has a double <sup>11</sup> washbasin and lots of space for storing dishes, food, etc. There is also a small <sup>12</sup> bathroom on the ground floor, with a toilet, <sup>13</sup> shower, and <sup>14</sup> a sink. The main bathroom, however, is on the first floor, as well as three <sup>15</sup> bedrooms, one double, and two singles.

b Complete the sentences.

- 1 I live in a small town of 100,000 inhabitants.
- 2 John lives on the fourth floor and there's no lift.
- 3 Be careful of the steps when you go out of the front door. You might fall.
- 4 We live in a lovely rural area. The only problem is that there's no bus service.

- 5 When we arrived we could see smoke coming out of the chimney.
- 6 We used to live in a town house and we could hear every word the neighbours said. That's why we later bought a detached house!
- 7 She went out onto the balcony to see what was happening in the street.
- 8 A lot of people live in the suburbs and get a bus or train into the city centre every day.
- 9 We need to repair the roof because when it rains, water comes into one of the bedrooms.
- 10 We much prefer living in the countryside to living in the city.

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### 4 READING

a Read the article and tick (✓) the correct sentence endings.

- 1 Grafton New Hall ...
  - a has just been built. ☐
  - b will be built in the future. ☒
  - c will never be built. ☐
- 2 The house is unusual because ...
  - a it's so big. ☐
  - b it's so modern. ☐
  - c its design is very strange. ☒
- 3 The architects are famous for ...
  - a their country houses in England. ☐
  - b their town houses in Japan. ☒
  - c winning a competition. ☐
- 4 The four wings ...
  - a are used at different times of day. ☒
  - b have enough room for four families. ☐
  - c all have natural light. ☐
- 5 The master bedroom is designed ...
  - a to be light all day. ☐
  - b to be light in the morning. ☒
  - c to be light in the evening. ☐
- 6 The furniture needed for Grafton New Hall ...
  - a will cost more than the house. ☐
  - b will depend on who buys it. ☒
  - c will cost less than the house. ☐



# A NEW English country house



It may look like a **giant** starfish, but in fact it's an artist's impression of Grafton New Hall, the futuristic winner of a Royal Institute of British Architects competition for a modern English country house. It was designed by Ushida Findlay architects, better known for **ultra-modern** town houses in Tokyo. It's an **extraordinary** building which is unlike any other in England. The house is designed to look as if it's growing out of the ground; it is very low, and will be almost **invisible** from a distance.

Inside, the differences continue. The house has four wings, and each wing has a different role – sleeping, cooking and eating, relaxing, and entertaining friends. The wings are designed to be used at different times of day, according to the position of the sun. The main bedroom faces the sunrise, the **open-plan** living spaces will be lit by the midday sun, and the swimming pool area faces the sunset.

But so far Grafton New Hall only exists as architectural plans and an artist's impression. The house will not be built until someone offers to buy it. It will cost about £4 million to build, and will be very expensive to furnish. How much money is spent depends on who buys it and whether it ends up as a technology-filled James Bond home or a **minimalist** hideaway. The most likely buyers might be Manchester United footballers, pop stars, or **super-rich** businesspeople.

b Look at the **highlighted** adjectives. What do you think they mean? Check with your dictionary.

c Now match the words to their definitions.

- |  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| 1 very rich                                | <u>super-rich</u>    |
| 2 very unusual                             | <u>extraordinary</u> |
| 3 very big                                 | <u>giant</u>         |
| 4 very modern                              | <u>ultra-modern</u>  |
| 5 impossible to see                        | <u>invisible</u>     |
| 6 with very little furniture or decoration | <u>minimalist</u>    |
| 7 with no dividing walls                   | <u>open-plan</u>     |

## More Words to Learn

Write translations and try to remember the words.

Word	Pronunciation	Translation
(paint) brush <i>noun</i>	/brʌʃ/	
entrance <i>noun</i>	/'entrəns/	
patio <i>noun</i>	/'pætiəʊ/	
shutters <i>noun</i>	/'ʃʌtəz/	
extraordinary <i>adjective</i>	/ɪk'strɔ:dnri/	
huge <i>adjective</i>	/hju:dʒ/	
ideal <i>adjective</i>	/aɪ'di:əl/	
one-storey (house) <i>adjective</i>	/wʌn 'stɔ:ri/	
spacious <i>adjective</i>	/'speɪʃəs/	
surrounded by	/sə'raʊndɪd baɪ/	

## LISTENING

a Listen to a man talking about his dreams. Number the topics in the order he mentions them.

- |         |                          |          |                          |             |                          |
|---------|--------------------------|----------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| A sport | <input type="checkbox"/> | C travel | <input type="checkbox"/> | E abilities | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B work  | <input type="checkbox"/> | D home   | <input type="checkbox"/> | F cars      | <input type="checkbox"/> |

b Listen again and answer the questions.

- Where would he go? Why?
- What car would he choose? Why?
- What sport would he like to be better at? Why?
- What job would he do? Why?
- What would he learn to do? Why?
- What kind of house would he buy? When would he go there?

c Listen again with the tapescript on p.77 and try to guess the meaning of any words that you don't know. Then check in your dictionary.

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