



## READING

1A Match photos A–C to the headlines.

B Look at the photos and read the headlines. What do you think happened in each situation? Write two sentences about each one.

C Read the articles and check your ideas.

## Hiker risks life

Chamonix, France – A hiker who risked his own life to save the lives of two stranded hikers says he would do the same thing again. Akira Sakamoto was among a number of hikers caught in the snowstorm on Mont Blanc late on Sunday afternoon, and was in the middle of his descent when he came upon two fellow hikers. Tamas Konig and Sandor Petres had stopped their own descent, too exhausted to continue, and had built a makeshift shelter in the snow to try to survive the night.

Sakamoto had two choices – to carry on and send up a rescue party from the bottom, or to stay and help them even though this could mean he put his own life in serious danger. 'It was obvious that they couldn't survive the night,' said Sakamoto. 'And I wasn't sure I could get a rescue party in time. So I stayed with them.'

Sakamoto used a rain poncho to protect the three of them from moisture, and made them huddle together to minimise the loss of body heat. The three shared Sakamoto's remaining food.

'In doing so, Akira probably saved their lives,' a park spokesman said on Thursday. 'If he had left them there, they wouldn't be alive now.' The three were evacuated by helicopter in the morning and treated for hypothermia at a local hospital before being discharged.



## Mother turns son in to police

Wellington, New Zealand – Sandra Matthews called it the toughest day of her life, but she felt she had no choice after seeing the CCTV footage on the TV news showing her son robbing a local shop.

'I wanted to talk to Simon first before I contacted the police, but I couldn't get in touch with him,' said Ms Matthews. 'So I just walked into the police station and turned him in.'

The heartbroken mother told police that it was her son Simon, 21, who security cameras showed pointing a gun at the manager of the shop and stuffing cash into a bag. It was the second of two robberies there this month. Police found Matthews hiding at a friend's house later that day and arrested him.

Ms Matthews also apologised to shop manager Carl Ruiz. 'I just felt so bad. It must have been a real shock for him,' she said.

'He's my son, and I love him, but I didn't see any other option except to turn him in,' Sandra said. 'I couldn't call myself a good mother if I hadn't.'

'I admire her,' a family friend said. 'If I were in the same situation, I'd find it difficult to turn my son in.'

## Couple ordered to return cash

Birmingham, UK – A couple who found a winning lottery ticket and cashed it in were ordered to pay back the money.

Dorothy Millet, 59, bought the Euromillions ticket at a local shop on 31 May, and dropped it later that day in the post office. Alan and Megan Beecham found the ticket and cashed it in at the same post office. They immediately spent half of the € 50,000 prize money on a new car and other luxuries.

'When Alan showed me the ticket, we talked about what to do,' said Megan. 'It wasn't an easy decision, but we felt as if we had found the money and it was ours.'

'Maybe it wasn't the best decision,' Alan added. 'But the temptation was too great.' 'If I'd been paying attention, I wouldn't have dropped the ticket,' said Millet. 'It's just part of my routine so I didn't pay attention to where I put it.'

The lottery company used computer records to find out that the ticket had been cashed in at their main office. Millet used the receipt to prove that she had purchased the winning ticket.

'If she hadn't saved the receipt, we might never have recovered her money,' a spokesman for the lottery company said.

## GRAMMAR | conditionals

4A Look at the sentences and underline all the verbs.

- If I were in the same situation, I'd find it difficult to turn my son in.
- If she hadn't saved the receipt, we might never have recovered her money.
- If I'd been paying attention, I wouldn't have dropped the ticket.
- If he had left them there, they wouldn't be alive now.

B Work in pairs and answer the questions about sentences 1–4 above.

- Do they refer to real or imaginary situations?
- Does each sentence refer to the past, to the present/future or to both?

C Complete the rules with the words in the box.

modal (would, might) (x2)    past participle    have    infinitive  
past simple    past participle    past perfect    continuous

Rules:

- In the *if* clause:  
• use the \_\_\_\_\_ to talk about the present or future.  
• use the \_\_\_\_\_ or the \_\_\_\_\_ to talk about the past.
- In the main clause:  
• use \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ to talk about the present or future.  
• use \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ to talk about the past.

5 8.1 Listen and match the words in bold in sentences 1–4 with the weak forms a)–d). Then listen again and repeat.

- I would have done the same. a) /maʊəv/
- I might have behaved differently. b) /kʊdaɪntəv/
- I wouldn't have been so brave. c) /wʊdaɪntəv/
- I couldn't have done what he did. d) /wʊdəv/

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## PRACTICE

6A Complete the email with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

To: Shaun

Dear Shaun,

I haven't heard from you since I lost my job. I've tried to phone you but you don't answer and my emails keep getting returned. Everybody believes I was the one stealing laptops. Now I think I made a big mistake.

If I <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not work) late that evening, I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not see) you stealing the laptops. I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (might speak) to you first if the boss <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not ask) me about it early the next morning. I <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) him it was you if you <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) such a close friend. Unfortunately, the boss <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (knew) I was hiding something and sacked me. If I <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a better liar I <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (might not lose) my job. I have one question for you: if you <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (know) that I was going to get fired, <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you tell) the truth – that you were the thief?

Nick

B Work in pairs and compare answers. What would you have done in Nick's situation?