

## Skill Builders: Grammar – Match the Clauses (Second Conditional)

Upper-Intermediate

### INSTRUCTIONS

**Step One:** Match each clause in the left column with the correct clause in the right column.

**Step Two:** Read your answers to a partner. He will correct any mistakes that you might have made.

Your partner's worksheet has different answers. Switch roles and repeat.

**Step Three:** Make two sentences of your own with the prompts below alone or with your partner.

### MATCH THE CLAUSES (A)

If she were good with numbers,

the boss would yell at him less often.

If Steve didn't goof off at the office,

if he didn't have to work seventy hours per week.

If Megan moved to New York,

he would be more committed to its success.

He would spend more time with his family

wouldn't she study accounting or economics at university?

If Jack worked in our department more often,

if she lost her job.

She would go back to school for another degree

I think she would have more job opportunities.

If Lisa took some continuing education classes at the local college...

If I cared more about getting ahead in life...

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### MATCH THE CLAUSES (B)

If Ted found a wallet in the street,

if she exercised more and smoked less.

Sylvia's insurance premiums would drop

wouldn't it be wise to still stop smoking and drinking?

If I made a New Year's resolution this year,

he wouldn't be so successful a politician.

If he were a more ethical person,

I don't think he would return the money.

I think I would get a new car

it would be to lose ten pounds by summer.

If his test results came back negative,

if I qualified for a loan.

If I weren't so addicted to chocolate...

If he felt so lonely all the time...

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### MATCH THE CLAUSES (C)

If developing countries  
received better aid and  
resources,

they wouldn't use them,  
would they?

There would be fewer wars

if the US sent a manned  
mission to Moon.

If Iran had nuclear weapons,

we would use less oil.

I think it would be a waste of  
the tax payers' money

it would be wise to focus  
pollute less and recycle  
more.

If people were the direct  
cause of global warming,

atrocities in these countries  
would occur less frequently.

If car manufacturers  
produced electric  
automobiles,

if everyone volunteered  
abroad and understood  
foreign cultures better.

If the US economy crashed...

If politicians told the truth more often...

### **ANSWERS (A)**

If she were good with numbers, wouldn't she study accounting or economics at university?

If Steve didn't goof off at the office, the boss would yell at him less often.

If Megan moved to New York, I think she would have more job opportunities.

He would spend more time with his family if he didn't have to work seventy hours per week.

If she lost her job, she would go back to school for another degree.

If Jack worked in our department more often, he would be more committed to its success.

### **ANSWERS (B)**

If Ted found a wallet in the street, I don't think he would return the money.

Sylvia's insurance premiums would drop if Sylvia exercised more and smoked less.

If I made a New Year's resolution this year, it would be to lose ten pounds by summer.

If he were a more ethical person, he wouldn't be so successful a politician.

I think I would get a new car if I qualified for a loan.

If his test results came back negative, wouldn't it be wise to still stop smoking and drinking?

### **ANSWERS (C)**

If developing countries received better aid and resources, atrocities in these countries would occur less frequently.

If everyone volunteered abroad and understood foreign cultures better, there would be fewer wars.

If Iran had nuclear weapons, they wouldn't use them, would they?

If the US sent a manned mission to Moon, I think it would be a waste of the tax payers' money.

If people were the direct cause of global warming, it would be wise to pollute less and recycle more.

If car manufacturers produced electric cars, we would use less oil.

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❖ *Pair up student A and student B. Each will read the answers to his partner, who will listen and correct.*

❖ *Worksheet C is the most difficult of the three. It may be used as an optional exercise.*