Lesson 2: Using conditionals

- To talk about what will possibly happen now or in the future
  
  e.g. 1. If we throw the rubbish on the floor, the floor will become very dirty.

  simple present tense

  simple future tense

  e.g. 2. If I do not get high marks in the exam, my mother will be very angry.

- To talk about imaginary situations

  e.g. 1. If I were Edwin and Thomas, I would play TV games until midnight.

  simple past tense

  ‘would’ + bare infinitive

  e.g. 2. If I had a lot of money, I would buy a big house.

- ‘were’ can be used instead of ‘was’ after ‘I / he / she / it’.

Exercise 1
Fill in the correct tenses of the verbs in brackets.

1. If you ask John, he __will let__ (let) you have a copy of his book.

2. If you __don’t hurry__ (not hurry), you will miss the train.

3. If you pass the examination, your father __will reward__ (reward) you.

4. If Mary __doesn’t come__ (not come), I will go shopping alone.

5. He __would be caught__ (be / caught) by the police if he were the robber.

6. If I lived near Repulse Bay, I __would go__ (go) swimming every day.

7. Joseph would go and look for another job if the manager __dismissed__ (dismiss) him.

8. "I __will not love__ (not love) you unless you behave well," said the mother to her son.

9. If I were the richest woman in the world, I __would buy__ (buy) a plane.

10. I __will go__ (go) to the Chinese restaurant with my grandparents if I have time.
8. If I ___ met ___ (meet) Santa Claus, I ___ would ask ___ (ask) him for a VCD player; but I don't think Santa Claus exists.

9. If Susan ___ studied ___ (study) harder, she ___ would have ___ (have) better results at school; but she failed in the examination.

10. If Leo ___ ate ___ (eat) more fruits and vegetables, he ___ would be ___ (be) healthier;

   but he was sick many times this year.

Exercise 4
Form complete sentences using the words given. Begin each sentence with 'if'. The first one has been done for you.

1. you / have a stomach; you / eat too much

   If you eat too much, you will get a stomach.

2. you / do not water the plants; they / wilt

   If you do not water the plants, they will wilt.

3. you / keep crying; you / not be allowed to come with us.

   If you keep crying, you will not be allowed to come with us.

4. his parents / be very sad; he / have an accident

   His parents would be very sad if he had an accident.

5. you / do not listen to me; you / regret

   If you do not listen to me, you will regret.

6. Joyce / do not study hard; she / fail the test

   If Joyce does not study hard, she will fail the test.

7. you / be punished; you / do not hand in the homework on time

   You will be punished if you do not hand in the homework on time.

8. her mother / be proud of her; Candy / can represent our class in the competition

   Her mother will be proud of her if Candy can represent our class in the competition.

9. you / can choose to report the better marks; you / take both exams

   You can choose to report the better marks if you take both exams.

10. you / go to the cinema with him; Albert / invite me

   You go to the cinema with him if Albert invites me.