Lesson 3: 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.
  
  \textit{simple present tense} \quad \textit{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.

  \textit{simple past tense} \quad \textit{‘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 \underline{\text{__________}} (let) you have a copy of his book.

2. If you \underline{\text{__________}} (not hurry), you will miss the train.

3. If you pass the examination, your father \underline{\text{__________}} (reward) you.

4. If Mary \underline{\text{__________}} (not come), I will go shopping alone.

5. He \underline{\text{__________}} (be / caught) by the police if he were the robber.

6. If I lived near Repulse Bay, I \underline{\text{__________}} (go) swimming every day.

7. Joseph would go and look for another job if the manager \underline{\text{__________}} (dismiss) him.

8. “I \underline{\text{__________}} (not love) you unless you behave well,” said the mother to her son.

9. If I were the richest woman in the world, I \underline{\text{__________}} (buy) a plane.

10. I \underline{\text{__________}} (go) to the Chinese restaurant with my grandparents if I have time.
Exercise 2
*Put the verbs in the correct form.*

1. If **he had** the money, he would buy a fast car. (he / have)
2. If I wanted to learn Italian, **go** to Italy. (I / go)
3. What would you do if **win** a lot of money? (you / win)
4. It’s not a very good hotel. **stay** there if I were you. (I / not / stay)
5. If **lives** nearer London, we would go there more often. (we / live)
6. It’s a pity you have to go now. **be** nice if you had more time. (it / be)
7. I’m not going to take the job. I’d take it if **be** better. (the salary / be)
8. If **has** a car, we would travel more. (we / has)
9. It’s very cold. If I were you, **put** the coat on. (I / put)
10. If **is** the Chief Executive, I would save the Queen’s Pier. (I / be)

Exercise 3
*Fill in each blank below with the correct form of the word in brackets.*

1. Jack **would go** (go) jogging if he **found** (find) his running shoes; but he has forgotten where he put them.
2. If Cherry **has** (have) enough time, she **prepare** (prepare) a big meal for us; but she is too busy now.
3. If our team **practise** (practise) more, we **win** (win) the game; but I don’t think we have any more time before the game.
4. I **listen** (listen) to the radio if I **have** (have) time; but I have a lot of homework to do tonight.
5. If Miss Lee **teach** (teach) this class, she **give** (give) us less homework; but I heard that she is going to teach the next class.
6. The activity **be** (be) more interesting if Philip **join** (join) us; but he is not free tonight.
7. If I **be** (be) a billionaire, I **buy** (buy) the house; but I don’t think I will be able to make that much money.
8. If I ___________ (meet) Santa Claus, I ___________ (ask) him for a VCD player; but I don’t think Santa Claus exists.
9. If Susan ___________ (study) harder, she ___________ (have) better results at school; but she failed in the examination.
10. If Leo ___________ (eat) more fruits and vegetables, he ___________ (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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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