

# 12 Dreams and reality

Second conditional • *might* • Phrasal verbs • Social expressions 2

## STARTER

- 1 Which famous person would you like to meet? What would you talk about?
- 2 Which country would you like to visit? What would you do there?
- 3 If you won a lot of money, what would you buy? How much would you give to friends?

## SWEET DREAMS

### Second conditional

- 1 Read about Nicola. Which text describes her life? Which describes her dreams?

I live in a flat with my Mum and my little brother. My Mum works in a hospital, so my Gran often looks after us and she helps my Mum. We have a budgie. I go to St Barnabas School and I wear a green uniform. I can only have sweets on Saturdays.

Nicola, aged 7



- 2 Complete the text on the right with these words.

horse sweets palace dress teacher servants

**T 12.1** Listen and check. Then listen and repeat.

If I were a princess, I'd live in a \_\_\_\_\_. I'd have \_\_\_\_\_ to look after me. My Mum would be Queen, and she wouldn't work. I wouldn't go to school. I'd have a private \_\_\_\_\_. I'd ride a white \_\_\_\_\_, and I'd wear a long \_\_\_\_\_. I could have all the \_\_\_\_\_ I wanted.



## GRAMMAR SPOT

- 1 What tense describes Nicola's real life?
- 2 *If I lived in a palace, ...*  
Does she live in a palace? What tense is *lived*?  
... *I'd have servants.* (I'd = I would)  
Is this a dream or reality?
- 3 Complete the rule.  
We make unreal conditional clauses with *if* + the \_\_\_\_\_ tense.  
In the result clause, we use the auxiliary verb \_\_\_\_\_ + the infinitive.
- 4 Notice that *was* can change to *were* in the condition clause.  
*If I were a princess, ...*

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- 3 Look at the questions and short answers.

Where would she live?

In a palace.

Would her grandmother look after her?

No, she wouldn't. She'd have servants.

Ask and answer questions about Nicola's dreams with a partner.

- What ... her mother do?
- What pet ... have?
- ... work?
- What ... wear?
- ... Nicola go to school?
- ... have a lot of sweets?

## PRACTICE

### Discussing grammar

- 1 Make sentences from the chart.

<p>If I</p> <p>found were knew had didn't eat didn't smoke</p>	<p>cakes and ice-cream, the answer, a car, taller, so much, a lot of money, president, some money in the street,</p>	<p>I'd I wouldn't</p> <p>feel better. get a job in the police. lose weight. buy a big house. build more hospitals. keep it. tell you. give you a lift.</p>
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- 2 Put the verbs in the correct form.

- 1 If I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) rich, I \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) round the world. First I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Canada, then I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to New York.
- 2 If he \_\_\_\_\_ (work) harder, he \_\_\_\_\_ (have) more money.
- 3 I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to work if I \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) better, but I feel terrible.
- 4 If I \_\_\_\_\_ (can) speak perfect English, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) in this classroom.
- 5 'What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) if a stranger \_\_\_\_\_ (give) you £1 million?'



## WHO KNOWS?

might

### What would you do?

3 Discuss what you would do if ...

- you came home and found a burglar.
- someone gave you a present that you really didn't like.
- you saw someone shoplifting.
- you found a wallet with a lot of money in it.
- you saw two people fighting in the street.

### If I were you ...

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If I were you, I'd ...

I feel terrible! My head hurts, and I feel dizzy.

If I were you, I'd go to bed.

Work with a partner. Give the people advice about their problems.

- 1 I have no money.
- 2 My hair's awful.
- 3 I've got toothache.
- 4 I've had a row with my boyfriend.
- 5 My car won't start in the morning.
- 6 My neighbours make a lot of noise.



T 12.3 Listen and compare your answers.

1 T 12.4 Listen to two students saying what they're going to do when they leave university. Complete the texts.

Ruth

I \_\_\_\_\_ a holiday in Italy for a couple of weeks, staying in a villa in Tuscany. Then I \_\_\_\_\_ for a job. I \_\_\_\_\_ in the media – advertising or the BBC would be perfect.

My sister and I \_\_\_\_\_ a flat together, somewhere central, so we \_\_\_\_\_ to start looking soon. I'm very excited about the future. And I'm also highly ambitious!

2 What are some of the certainties in Ruth's life?

*She's having a holiday in Italy.*

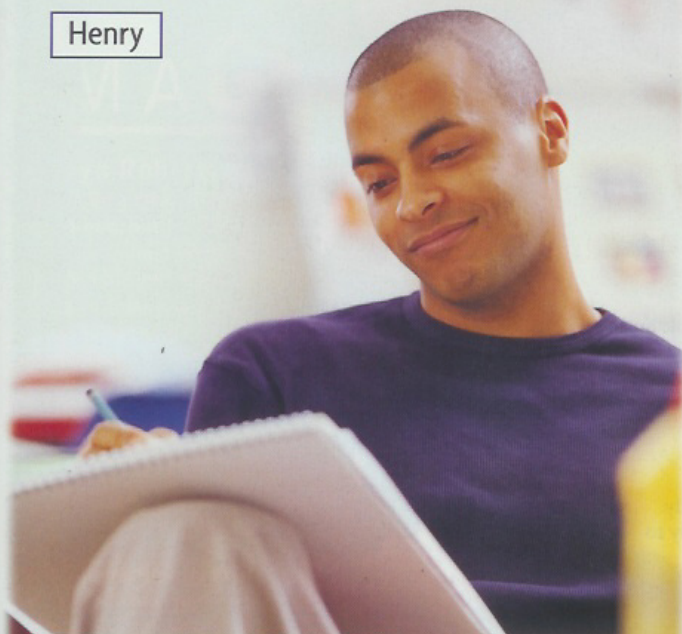
- ... villa in Tuscany.
- ... for a job.
- ... flat together.
- ... start looking soon.

3 What are some of the possibilities in Henry's life?

*He might go to America.*

- ... restaurant for a bit.
- ... Paris for a while.
- ... French girl ...

Henry



I'm not sure yet. Some friends have invited me to go to Long Island with them, so I might go to America. I'll have to earn some money, so I \_\_\_\_\_ in a restaurant for a bit.

I don't know what I want to do. I love France, so I \_\_\_\_\_ in Paris for a while. I could earn some money painting portraits in Montmartre. Who knows? I \_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful French girl and fall in love! Wouldn't that be wonderful!

### GRAMMAR SPOT

- Might* means the same as *perhaps* ... *will* ...  
What are you doing tonight?  
I don't know. I might go out, or I might stay at home.
- Might* is a modal auxiliary.  
Ann might come round tonight.  
I might not pass my exams.  
Do we add *-s* with *he/she/it*?  
Do we use *do/does* in the negative?

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## PRACTICE

### Discussing grammar

#### 1 Choose the correct verb in these sentences.

- 'What's for supper?' 'We're *having* / *we might have* lamb. It's in the oven.'
- 'What time are we eating?' 'Don't worry. *It'll be* / *it might be* ready before your TV programme.'
- 'Who's eating with us?' 'I've invited Jerry, but *he'll be* / *he might be* late. It depends on the traffic.'
- I'm going into town tomorrow. *I'm having* / *I might have* lunch with Jo at 1.00.
- 'Are you going to have a winter holiday this year?' 'I *am* / *I might*. I haven't decided yet.'

### Possibilities

- Make conversations with a partner about these future possibilities. One of you isn't sure about anything.

What are you doing tonight?

I'm not sure. I might go out or I might stay at home.

- What sort/car/buy?  
Fiat/Toyota
  - Where/on holiday?  
Scotland/Spain
  - What/have to eat?  
steak/fish
  - Who/going to the dance with?  
ask Tony/ask Richard
- Ask and answer questions with a partner about your possible future plans:
    - after the lesson
    - at the weekend
    - this evening
    - for your next holiday

### Check it

- Correct the mistakes in these sentences.
  - If I'd have a car, I'd give you a lift.
  - They'll call their baby Lily, but they aren't sure yet.
  - I'd visit you more often if you wouldn't live so far away.
  - I'm playing tennis tomorrow. I'm not sure.
  - If I'm younger, I'll learn to play the piano, but I'm too old now.