UNIT 1

If I had the money ...

In this unit
You learn
• second conditional
• If I were you …
• indefinite pronouns everyone, someone, no one, anyone
• words for computers
and then you can
• give advice
• talk about people
• talk about what you would do

1 Read and listen to the dialogue.

Oliver I really need to buy a new laptop, but don’t have enough money.
Claire Why do you need a new laptop?
Oliver Well, if I had a built-in DVD player, I could watch my DVDs anytime, anywhere.
Karen If I were you, I’d use it to do more studying.
Oliver Oh, come on! No one has said anything about my grades. If anyone had, I would have started working harder.
Rick What about Mr. Sweeney?
Oliver What does he know? Everyone knows his classes are hard. I’d work harder if his classes were more interesting. Anyway, if I had this laptop here, I could study anywhere. Look, it’s even got wireless LAN.
Karen If you need more money, why don’t you get a job?
Oliver Doing what?
Karen Well, if you did a paper route, you’d earn some money.
Rick Hey, I have an idea. There’s always someone who needs help with a computer. Why don’t you make some money that way?
Oliver Good idea, Rick! Would you like another orange juice?
2 Match the sentence halves.

1 Oliver really wants a new laptop
2 He wants to watch DVDs and
3 Karen says he should
4 Oliver thinks he’s working
5 If some classes weren’t so boring.
6 Rick suggests he helps people
7 Oliver thinks this is

a do more studying.
b by fixing their computers.
c he would work harder.
d but he doesn’t have enough money.
e a good idea.
f do a paper route.
g hard enough.

Get talking Giving advice

Listen and repeat.

Girl 1 I need to get more exercise.
Boy 1 If I were you, I’d go running every morning.
Girl 1 Hmm. But I hate running!

Boy 2 I need some extra money.
Girl 2 If I were you, I’d get a job at the mall.
Boy 2 I can’t, I’m too young.

4 Match the expressions and the pictures.

1 mow the lawn
2 take a dog for a walk
3 wash cars
4 fix computers
5 do a paper route
6 babysit

5 Work in pairs. Make dialogues like those in Exercise 3.

A I need ...
B If I were you, I’d ...
Language Focus

Vocabulary  Computer words

Write the correct number of the words in the pictures. Listen and check.

1 CD-ROM  3 mouse  5 laptop  7 modem  9 printer
2 flat screen  4 keyboard  6 DVD  8 flash drive  10 speakers

Get talking  Talking about people

2 Work with a partner. Person A says one of the prompts, Person B finishes it. Then switch roles.

1 I know someone who .........
2 At our school, everyone .........
3 In our class, there isn't anyone who .........
4 In our country, no one .........
5 I don't know anyone who .........
6 At our school, no one is allowed to .........
7 In our class, there is someone who .........
8 In Australia, everyone .........
Grammar

Second conditional

1 Put the verbs into the correct places. Then check against the dialogue on page 4.

were  could watch  had  ‘d earn  ‘d work  did

1 I .................... harder if his classes .................... more interesting.
2 If you .................... a paper route, you .................... some money.
3 If I .................... a built-in DVD player, I .................... my DVDs anytime, anywhere.

The second conditional is used to talk about situations that are unreal.
Real: I don’t have a notebook. I can’t work anywhere.
Unreal: If I had a notebook, I could work anywhere.

Form:  If clause  Main clause
If + simple past subject + would/wouldn’t or could/couldn’t + base form of the verb.

2 Circle the correct word.

1 If I have / had more money, I’d buy it for you.
2 If you go / went to New York City, you’d learn a lot of English.
3 If it was my birthday today, I’d get / I got a lot of presents.
4 I would help you if I didn’t / wouldn’t have homework to do.
5 If he would have / had a girlfriend, he’d be very happy.
6 If there was a test tomorrow, I wouldn’t / didn’t pass it.

3 Write the verbs in the correct form.

1 I’d tell you the answer if I …………. knew …….. it myself! (know)
2 If I knew her phone number, I ………….. her. (call)
3 If today …………………… Sunday, I’d still be in bed! (be)
4 If you were my friend, you …………………… me. (help)
5 You’d have more money if you …………………… a job. (get)

Get talking  Talking about what you would do

4 Work in pairs. Look at the prompts. Ask and answer.

A What would you do if you lost your key?

B I’d go to my friend’s house. What would you do if …?

lost your key  were principal of your school  saw your teacher at the school dance
were angry with a friend  saw a famous person  felt sick
If I were you  Giving advice

5 Put the words in the correct order. Then check against the dialogue on page 4.
If / you / I / I'd / to do more studying / were / use it

This is a special use of the second conditional: we use the phrase If I were you to introduce advice for another person.
A I've got toothache.   B If I were you, I'd go see a dentist.

6 Match the sentences.
1 My tooth hurts. .......... a If I were you, I'd go for a run.
2 My grades are really bad. .......... b If I were you, I'd take it to the vet.
3 I need some exercise. .......... c If I were you, I'd call the repair shop.
4 I'm really tired. .......... d If I were you, I'd go to the dentist.
5 My dog's sick. .......... e If I were you, I'd study harder.
6 The television doesn't work. .......... f If I were you, I'd go to bed early.

Indefinite pronouns  everyone, someone, no one, anyone

7 Complete the sentences. Then check against the dialogue on page 4.
1 ........................ has said anything about my grades.
2 ........................ knows his classes are hard.
There's always 3 ........................ who needs help with a computer.
If 4 ........................ had, I would have started working harder.

• Note that we can also say everybody / somebody / nobody / anybody.
• no one / nobody is only used with affirmative verb forms.
• anyone / anybody can be used with affirmative or negative verb forms:
Anyone can do this. I don't know anybody here.

Complete the sentences with the correct indefinite pronoun.
1 We don't need a specialist for this job. ........................ can do it!
2 When I got to Mike's house, ........................ was there, so I went home again.
3 I can't do this. I want ........................ to help me.
4 Everybody is invited. ........................ can come!
5 I don't know ........................ who likes her.
6 It was a great party. Mike was there, Jenny was there—........................ was there!

Get talking  Asking about how long

Complete the dialogue with the phrases above. Then listen and check.

Craig  I haven't finished my project yet.
Sonia  If ........................ , I'd research an idea on the Internet.
Craig  What can I do? If I had another two days, I'd do a great project.
Skills

Reading

1. Read the dilemmas and match them to the pictures.

Dilemma 1
Imagine your older brother asked you to give him an alibi for last night. He asked you to tell your parents he was with you. What would you do?

Dilemma 2
Imagine someone broke the classroom window when your teacher wasn’t there. When she returns, she asks you who it was. What would you do?

Dilemma 3
Imagine you were walking down the street and you found a wallet on the ground. What would you do?

Listening

2. Listen to Carla and Derek talking about the dilemmas in Exercise 1. Circle T (true) or F (false).

1. Carla has two brothers. T / F
2. Carla would always give an alibi. T / F
3. Derek has a good relationship with his brother. T / F
4. Carla would definitely tell the teacher. T / F
5. Derek wouldn’t tell the teacher anything. T / F
6. Derek thinks it would be unfair if the teacher asked him. T / F
7. Carla would keep the wallet. T / F
Reading and speaking

Do the questionnaire. Put a check next to your answers. Then discuss them.

1 Imagine you were at a party. You took a picture off the wall to look at it. You dropped it and it broke. No one saw you do it. What would you do?
   - I’d offer to fix it.
   - I’d put it back on the wall and hope no one would notice.
   - I’d leave it on the floor and go back to the party.

2 Imagine a friend of yours had some new glasses and you thought they looked ridiculous. If your friend asked you for your opinion, what would you do?
   - I would say I liked my friend’s old glasses better.
   - I would say they looked ridiculous.
   - I would say they looked good.

3 Imagine you played on the school football team and the team was in the championship. On the day of the game, you woke up and your leg was hurting. What would you do?
   - I’d want to play, so I wouldn’t say anything.
   - I’d talk to the coach and ask for advice.
   - I wouldn’t play.

4 Imagine you had $150 to buy a new bike, but your best friend called you and asked if he could borrow $150. What would you do?
   - I’d lend him the money and buy a cheaper bike.
   - I wouldn’t give him the money.
   - I’d tell him to talk to his parents about the problem.

5 Imagine you were having dinner at your friend’s house and his dad served you some vegetables that you really didn’t like. What would you do?
   - I’d tell him that I didn’t like them.
   - I’d leave them on my plate.
   - I’d hide them in my pockets.