Picture game: Second conditional
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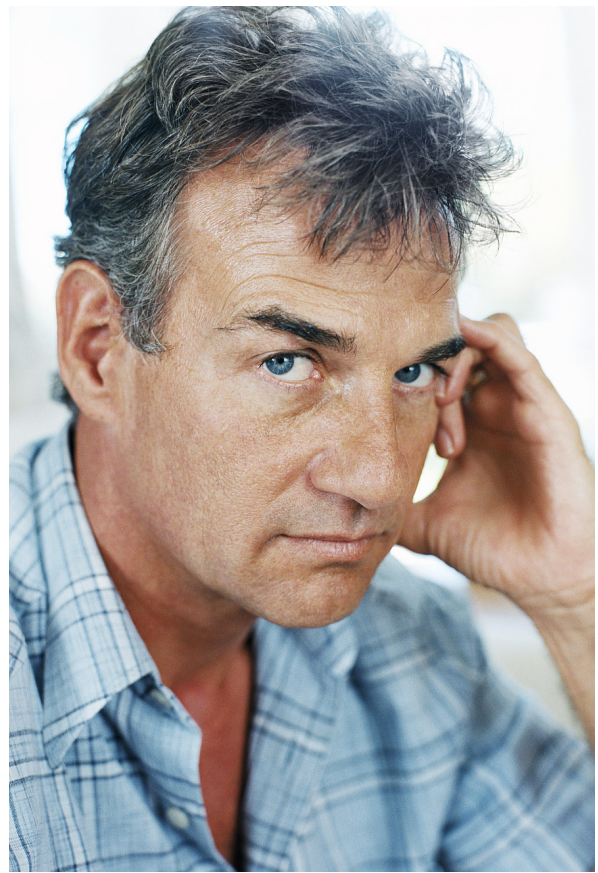| |
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| **Level:** Upper intermediate |
| **Target age:** Secondary / adult |
| **Time needed:** 15-20 minutes |
| **Grammar objective:** To practise the second conditional |
| **Materials:** One picture sheet and one set of cards for each group |
| **Summary:** This is an accuracy-based group activity which practises the second conditional through completing sentences and guessing pictures. |

Procedure

1. Put students in groups of three to four.

2. Give each group a picture sheet and a set of cards placed face down in a pile.

3. Tell students that they need to use their imaginations! They should complete the sentences started on the cards as if they were one of the four picture characters.

• Students should put the picture sheet where they can all see it.

• The first player turns over the card on the top of the pile and reads it.

• Each player writes down the incomplete sentence that has just been read out and secretly chooses one character from the picture sheet. They then write down a completed sentence based on how they think their chosen character will respond.

• The second player reads out his/her full sentence.

• The other players try to work out which picture character is 'speaking'.

• The third, fourth and first players take it in turns to read out their full sentences so the others can guess the picture character.

• The second player continues the game by turning over the next card.

4. When students have completed the game, ask them if they have any questions about their sentences and, if necessary, collect their written notes for marking.

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FUN WITH GRAMMAR CUT-OUTS

"If I found some money in the street, …"

"If someone let me down, …"

"If I saw a car accident, …"

"If someone gave me a free ticket to go skydiving, …"

"If I won the lottery, …"

"If I decided to get a pet, …"

"If I saw someone being mugged, …"

"If I could go anywhere on holiday, …"

"If I lost my job, …"

"If I could choose where to live, …"