

# LESSON 158

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## 897 Mixed conditionals

Sometimes, we need to mix the 2nd conditional and 3rd conditional structures. If, for example, we imagine a situation in the past and then imagine the consequence of that in the present, we use the following structure:

**“If” + past perfect + “would do/would be doing”**

**If I had gone to bed earlier yesterday, I would feel better now**

If, on the other hand, we imagine a situation in the present and then imagine the consequence of that in the past, we use the following structure:

**“If” + past + “would have done”**

**If my job wasn't so demanding, I would have come to your birthday dinner last week**

Give me an example of a mixed conditional where we imagine a situation in the past and then imagine the consequence of that in the present, please.

If Susan had studied harder when she was at school, she probably wouldn't be unemployed now

898 Give me an example of a mixed conditional where we imagine a situation in the present and then imagine the consequence of that in the past, please.

If you weren't his brother, he would have been far angrier with you for taking his car last night

## awful

Name a film you think is truly awful.

I think ... is truly awful

When you're in an awful mood, are you sometimes able to hide it so that other people don't notice?

Yes, when

I'm ..., I'm sometimes ...

~ No, when I'm ..., I'm never ...

## mood

## frame

What do we call the wooden or metal border round a picture or window?

We call the wooden ... a frame

What are bed frames usually made of?

Bed frames ... wood or metal

What frame of mind do you usually feel in when you go to work (or to school)?

I usually feel in a

... frame of mind when ...

## frame of mind

## lump

Do you prefer soup with lumps of meat and vegetables in it, or do you prefer plain soup?

I prefer ...

## 899 train

How long does it take to train a doctor?

It takes about ... years to  
train a doctor

## clerk

What do we mean by a clerk?

By a clerk, we usually mean a person  
who does written work in an office

Is clerical work generally well paid?

No, clerical work isn't ...

## clerical

## hook

Are there any hooks for hanging coats on in this room?

Yes, there

are some ... ~ No, there aren't any ...

## resign

Why might a person decide to resign from their job?      A person might ...  
because they've found a  
better job, they don't like their job etc.

## tremble

## shiver

What's my hand doing?      Your hand's trembling

Which verb do we normally use to describe the action of trembling  
because it's very cold?      We normally use  
the verb "shiver" to describe ...

## 900 ditch

## excess

Why do they often put a ditch round a field?      They often  
put a ... to allow the excess  
water to flow away from the field

## pie

## pastry

What do we use to make a pie?      We use pastry, and some meat and  
vegetables, or fruit, to make a pie

## strict

If a parent or teacher is strict, it means that they make sure that their  
children or pupils behave well and do not break rules.

Are children less likely to disobey a teacher if the teacher is strict?  
Yes, children are less likely to ...

Another meaning of the word "strict" is "exact".

What's another meaning of the word "strict"?      Another meaning ...  
is "exact"

Give me an example, please.      What he said was not strictly true

**revenge**

**repay**

**wrong**

**satisfying**

What do we mean by the expression "revenge is sweet"?

By the expression ..., we mean that, when we have been wronged by somebody, it is satisfying to repay the wrong by getting our revenge on them

901 **dive**

**advisable**

Is it advisable to dive into shallow water?

No, it isn't advisable to ...

Why not?

Because you might hit your head on the bottom

Do divers sometimes find lost treasure in old shipwrecks?

Yes, divers ...

**promote**

**promotion**

**income**

When someone is promoted at work, is the promotion almost always accompanied by a rise in income?

Yes, when a person ..., the promotion is ...

**network**

**log on (in)**

**password**

Does one usually need to enter a password to log on to a wireless network?

Yes, one usually needs ...

Which do you think would help your country more: developing the rail network or developing the road network?

I think developing ... would ...

**committee**

**parliamentary**

A committee is a group of people appointed to deal with a particular matter. Usually this group is part of a larger organization. For example, we have university committees, trade union committees, parliamentary committees, and so on.

What's a committee?

A committee is a group of ...

902 Do you think committees are usually able to make better decisions than individuals?

Yes, I think ... ~ No, I don't think ...

## cough

What am I doing?

You're coughing

## reward

How can certain animals like dogs and horses be trained to behave in a particular way and do tricks?

Certain animals ...  
by giving the animal a reward  
each time it behaves in the correct way

## twist

Have you ever twisted an ankle?

Yes, I've twisted an ankle ~  
No, I've never twisted an ankle

## to one's taste

In a restaurant, if the food has been cooked well but is simply not to your taste, do you call the waiter and complain, or do you just eat what you've been given?

In a restaurant, if the food ..., I ...

## coward

What's the opposite of a brave or courageous person?

The opposite  
of ... a coward

## 903 rust

What happens to iron when it is left in a damp atmosphere?

When iron is left ..., it rusts

## stroke

Why would a stroke from an axe cut deeper into a block of wood than a stroke from a sword?

A stroke from an axe ...  
because an axe is much heavier than a sword

How many strokes of the pen does it take to form the capital letter N?

It takes three ...

Do cats enjoy being stroked?

Yes, cats ...



### Dictation 109

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The girl's eyebrows and eyelashes/ were very dark,/ whereas her hair was fair./ The ship had been wrecked/ near the coast of the island,/ and they managed to walk/ all the way to the shore/ in the pale light of the moon,/ as the water was only waist deep./ If the bird settled on her shoulder,/ I'd be able to see/ its bright blue feathers./ You should behave with more caution/ if you ever come across/ that teacher again;/ he appears to hand out punishment/ more freely than the others./ The mere title of the film/ was frightening enough./ The monkey was clearly hungry/ and in a temper,/ and tore at the bunch of bananas.



### Revision Exercise 72