



Problem solving

Situation 1

Student 1: Oh dear, I feel really tired today. I always feel tired.
Student 2: What time did you go to bed?
Student 1: About half past twelve. I never go to bed before midnight.
Student 2: You shouldn't go to bed so late.
If you went to bed earlier, you wouldn't feel so tired.

Situation 5

Student 1: I never seem to have enough money for myself.
Student 2: Why? I thought you had a weekend job.
Student 1: I do, but I spend all my money on my friends.
Student 2: You shouldn't spend all your money on your friends. **If you spent less on them, you would have more money for yourself.**

Situation 2

Student 1: I woke up late again this morning.
Student 2: Did you set your alarm clock?
Student 1: My alarm clock? I haven't got an alarm clock.
Student 2: You should get an alarm clock. **If you had an alarm clock, you wouldn't wake up late.**

Situation 6

Student 1: I go for lots of job interviews, but I never get the job.
Student 2: Why do you think that is?
Student 1: I have no idea. I always wear my best jeans, my coolest trainers and my most colourful T-shirt.
Student 2: You should wear smarter clothes for interviews. **If you wore smarter clothes, you might get a job.**

Situation 3

Student 1: My stomach really hurts.
Student 2: What did you have for lunch?
Student 1: A pizza, two hamburgers, a large plate of chips and two slices of chocolate cake.
Student 2: You shouldn't eat so much.
If you ate less, you wouldn't have a stomach ache.

Situation 7

Student 1: My mother is always angry with me.
Student 2: What is she angry about?
Student 1: She says I never help her around the house.
Student 2: You should help her around the house.
If you helped her more, she wouldn't get angry with you.

Situation 4

Student 1: My teacher gave me a really bad grade for my homework.
Student 2: Why was that?
Student 1: I'm not sure, but I only spent ten minutes writing it.
Student 2: You should spend longer on your homework. **If you spent more time on it, you would probably get a better grade.**

Situation 8

Student 1: I love tennis, but whenever I play a game I always lose.
Student 2: How often do you practise?
Student 1: About once a month.
Student 2: You should practise more than once a month. **If you practised more often, you might win some games.**