

5C Conditional forms – What if ... ?

Aim

to review and practise the conditional expressions from the unit

Activity type

a card game in which students form conditional questions and then ask and answer them

Classroom dynamics

pairwork

Time taken

10 minutes

Preparation

You will need one copy of the activity sheet per pair, cut up into two sets of cards (white and grey).

Procedure

- 1 Divide the class into pairs, and give each Student A a set of grey cards and each Student B a set of white cards. Tell students that some of the cards they have are the beginnings of questions and some are the endings, but that their partner has the cards that match theirs. Give students a minute or two to look at their cards.
- 2 To start, Student A chooses a card (either the beginning or the ending of a question) and places it on the desk. Student B then matches it with one of their cards, reading out the completed question.
- 3 If the cards match, i.e. the question is correctly formed, Student A must answer it. If the cards are not matched correctly, then Student A replaces their first card with one that matches Student B's card correctly. Student A then reads out the question for Student B to answer.
- 4 The roles are then reversed and steps 2–3 are repeated.
- 5 Students take turns matching the cards and answering the questions until all cards are used, or as time allows. Monitor and support as necessary if students are unable to agree.

Adaptation and extension

- As an extension, or for fast finishers, students can use the first half of the questions as prompts to write their own complete questions. They can then ask their partner their questions.
- Alternatively, students can choose one correctly matched pair of cards and write a paragraph in answer to the question.

Answer key

See the activity sheet.

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Student A cards

Imagine that you could visit any city in the world. Where would you go? Why?
Supposing that all books disappeared; do you think life would change very much?
What if you could meet any fictional character – who would you like to meet?
If you should happen to win the lottery in the future, what would you change about your life?
Had you been born 100 years earlier, would you be the same person you are today? If not, how would you be different?

Student B cards

Imagine if you could rewrite any film ending. What would you change?
Supposing that you went vegan, what food would you miss the most?
What if you had superpowers – what would they be and what would you do?
If your country should happen to host the Olympic Games, what preparations would have to be made?
Had you been to a lovely restaurant, would you leave an online review? What about a poor restaurant?