

Exercises

38.1 What do you say in these situations?

- Of course you don't expect to win the lottery. Which do you say?
 - If I win the lottery, I'll buy a big house.
 - If I won the lottery, I'd buy a big house. (*b is correct*)
- You're not going to sell your car because it's old and not worth much. Which do you say?
 - If I sell my car, I won't get much money for it.
 - If I sold my car, I wouldn't get much money for it.
- You often see Sarah. A friend of yours wants to contact her. Which do you say?
 - If I see Sarah, I'll tell her to call you.
 - If I saw Sarah, I'd tell her to call you.
- You don't expect that there will be a fire in the building. Which do you say?
 - What will you do if there is a fire in the building?
 - What would you do if there was a fire in the building?
- You've never lost your passport. You can only imagine it.
 - I don't know what I'll do if I lose my passport.
 - I don't know what I'd do if I lost my passport.
- Somebody stops you and asks the way to a bank. Which do you say?
 - If you go right at the end of this street, you'll see a bank on your left.
 - If you went right at the end of this street, you'd see a bank on your left.
- You're in a lift. There is an emergency button. Nobody is going to press it. Which do you say?
 - What will happen if somebody presses that button?
 - What would happen if somebody pressed that button?

38.2 Put the verb into correct form.

- I'd be very scared if somebody pointed (point) a gun at me.
- I can't afford to buy a car. If I (buy) a car, I'd have to borrow the money.
- Don't lend Amy your car. If she (ask) me, I wouldn't lend her mine.
- If the computer factory closed down, many people (lose) their jobs.
- I don't think Gary and Emma will get married. I (be) amazed if they did.
- What would you do if you (be) in a lift and it (stop) between floors?
- If somebody (give) me £10,000, I (have) a very long holiday.

38.3 Write sentences beginning **If ...**

- We've decided not to catch the 10.30 train. (arrive too early)
If we caught the 10.30 train, we'd arrive too early.
- Kevin is not going to do his driving test now. (fail)
If he
- We've decided not to stay at a hotel. (cost too much)
If
- Sally isn't going to leave her job. (not / get another one)
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- We've decided not to invite Ben to the party. (have to invite his friends too)
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- I'm not going to tell him what happened. (not / believe me)
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38.4 Use your own ideas to complete these sentences.

- If I won a lot of money, I'd buy a house.
- I'd be very angry if
- If you bought a car,
- I'd be surprised if
- Would you mind if