

**25.1**

The first conditional often suggests that the idea in the *if* clause is possible, while the second conditional often suggests that the idea is less likely. Look at the sentences below, decide what is the most appropriate conditional and put the verbs in brackets into the correct form.

- 1 If the deadline ..... (move) again,  
..... (we / never / meet) the launch date.  
But I really can't see that happening.
- 2 If results ..... (not / improve),  
..... (we / have to) cut the travel  
budgets. Perhaps we should start thinking  
about what we could cut now.
- 3 The unions ..... (accept) our offer if we  
..... (meet) their demands on pensions.  
We should consider doing this.
- 4 If we ..... (give) in to these ridiculous  
pay demands, ..... (we bankrupt)  
ourselves within five minutes.
- 5 If we ..... (buy) a RoboDog for the  
house, (I / get) my newspaper delivered in bed.  
It's a pity we can't afford one!
- 6 I can't take these job swaps seriously. If we  
..... (try) it here, .....  
(we / lose) the company millions in a couple of  
days!
- 7 If they ..... (take) us to court,  
..... (we / lose) thousands. I'm  
extremely worried about how serious this  
situation has become.

**25.2**

Correct the mistakes in these sentences.

- 1 If we went to Paris, I can practise my French.  
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- 2 If I had my car, I will take you to the station.  
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- 3 If I do more exercise, I would get fitter.  
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- 4 I would learn more if I have better training.  
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- 5 If I started my own company, I can work from  
home.  
.....
- 6 If I earn more money, we could buy a bigger  
house.  
.....
- 7 If you moved to Australia, we won't see you  
very often.  
.....

**25.3**

Cross out the silent letters in these words.

- 1 Christmas
- 2 guarantee
- 3 whole
- 4 climb
- 5 honest
- 6 lamb