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It depends how you look at it

Conditionals • Words with similar meaning • Dealing with money

VIDEO Making a difference

Possible answers

Pros You can spend a lot of time with friends./You can do different activities and go to more places./You start to develop your own identity.

Cons You can feel under pressure at school./You can have disagreements with friends/find it difficult to make friends./You can feel confused about emotional and physical changes.

Possible answers

Children are bullied because they are different in some way; they are seen as a threat because they are talented/popular; they have problems/some sort of weakness that bullies become aware of.

Some children become bullies because they have been bullied themselves; they feel weak or inadequate in some way; they feel scared and want to be in control.

Answers

He found studying hard.

He didn't have many friends.

His dad left home.

He was bullied by other kids. They called him names, took his money, sent him texts, and attacked him.

He tried to tell people, but they didn't listen.

He started missing school, and he didn't know where to go for help.

Answers and audio script



1. I'd organize a school day which tried to educate everyone about bullying, and I'd invite social workers, police, and psychologists. (teacher)
2. I'd get my dad to speak to them ... if I was older, I'd speak to them myself! (Billy's sister)
3. I'd ask Billy to try to understand the bullies. I'd get all the parents to meet together. (a counselor from Kidcare)
4. I'd move so we could change his school and start again somewhere new. (Billy's mom)
5. I'd get really angry and yell at them. (Billy's dad)
6. I'd run away. (Billy)

Answers and audio script

Billy ran away. He's been missing for six months.

No, people didn't listen to Billy.

No, he didn't talk to Kidcare.

No, his father didn't stay.



- If they'd listened to him, they'd have understood.
If his father had stayed, Billy might have felt happier.
If he'd talked to us, we could have helped.
He should have come to us a long time ago.

Answers and audio script



1. If they'd understood, he wouldn't have run away.
2. If he'd gone to Kidcare, he could have talked about his problems.
3. If he hadn't left, Billy might have felt more secure.
4. If they hadn't threatened him, he wouldn't have run away.

Answer

Second conditional - *If + Simple Past + would ('d)*

Third Conditional - *If + Past Perfect + would have*

Answer:

I might have helped you. I could have helped you.

Answer:

It is good advice, but it is too late.
Yes, Pete stole the money.

Possible answers:

Easy arrest: He left an envelope in the bank with his address on it.
Smile! He took pictures of himself and left the camera in the stolen car.
Have a loan instead: They didn't take the money. They went back to the bank ten minutes later.

Answers:

2. He should have taken the note with him.
3. If he hadn't left his address, the police wouldn't have found him.
4. He shouldn't have taken his picture.
5. If they hadn't crashed the car, they could have escaped.
6. If he hadn't left pictures of himself, he might have gotten away with it.
7. If they hadn't been so stupid, they'd have escaped with the money.
8. If they hadn't listened to the manager, they could have stolen the money.
9. They shouldn't have gone back to the bank.
10. They should have just run away.

Possible answers and audio script

1. You're an idiot! You could have died! You could have starved to death or died in the cold!
2. You're such an idiot! Your boss might have seen you. You could have gotten fired.
3. That's so stupid! You could have been really sick. You should have gone to bed.
4. That was a really dumb thing to do! Sandra might have seen you out with Danielle.
5. That's such a shame! You might have been a champion! You might even have won the U.S. Open.

Answers and audio script

Situation 1

1. In the bank, waiting in line.
2. A man in the line.
3. The man jumped in front of the woman and said he had to ask a quick question. In fact, it took a long time.
4. The woman let him because she didn't want to make a scene.
5. The man looked back at the woman and grinned. He looked pleased with himself.
6. The woman was furious, but she didn't say anything.

Situation 2

1. In the park.
2. A woman with three children.
3. The woman was angry and had been shouting at the children. One of the boys bumped into his sister and knocked her over. The woman turned on the boy and hit him.
4. He told the woman to stop.
5. The woman told him to mind his own business and said some rude words.
6. She stormed off, screaming at the poor boy.

Situation 3

1. At home.
2. The woman's neighbor.
3. The neighbor lets his dog do his business right by the woman's front door, and she always has to clean it up.
4. The woman asked the neighbor to take the dog somewhere else to do its business or to pick it up.
5. The neighbor was awful and said he didn't care.
6. The woman will carry on picking it up.

Situation 4

1. On the bus.
2. A couple of kids (teenagers).
3. The teenagers had their feet on the seat in front of them.
4. The man asked them to put their feet down.
5. The teenagers pushed the man to the floor and started kicking him.
6. He has bruises everywhere!

Situation 5

1. In the street at about 10 P.M.
2. A man with a knife.
3. The man held up the knife and demanded his wallet and phone.
4. He didn't say anything. He handed over the wallet and phone.
5. The man ran away.
6. He was trembling for ten minutes and couldn't move. He had never been so frightened in all his life.

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A social conscience

1. I was in the bank the other day, and waiting in line. I'd just reached the front of the line when this guy jumped in front of me and said, "I just need to ask a quick question." I wasn't very happy and I hate making a scene, so I let him. But then it started taking forever. He looked back at me and grinned. He was so pleased with himself, and I was **just furious!** What could I do? I said nothing.

2. I was in the park, right, and there was this woman with three kids. She'd obviously had a bad day, yeah, she'd just been shouting at the kids for messing around. One of the kids, the eldest boy, about eight, bumped into his little sister and knocked her over. The mother turned on this kid, the boy, and she hit him really hard. I went over to her and told her to stop. She told me to mind my own business, and said some very rude words and stormed off, screaming at this poor boy. He was just a kid!
3. My neighbor always lets his dog do his ... you know ... business in front of my front door, and I always clean it up, day after day, because it just stinks! So the other day I asked him if he could get his dog to do its business somewhere else, or could he pick it up because I didn't like it in front of my front door. He was absolutely awful and said he didn't care! So I suppose I'll just carry on picking it up. What else can I do?
4. I was on the bus the other day. There was just me and a couple of kids. These two kids had their feet on the seat in front of them, so I asked them to put their feet down. These kids, they must have been about sixteen or seventeen, came over to me, pushed me onto the floor, and started kicking me. I have bruises everywhere!

5. I was walking down the street coming home from work about ten at night, it was dark, and this guy jumped out of nowhere and said, "Gimme your wallet and phone!" He was a big guy, and he had a knife. I didn't say anything. I was just terrified! I thought he was going to kill me. I just handed over both and he ran away. I was trembling for ten minutes. I couldn't move. I have never been so frightened in all my life.

Answers

I'd just reached the front of the line ... — a short time before

I just need to ask a quick question. — only/simplely

I was just furious! — really

Answers and audio script



1. Miwako isn't here. She **just** left. (a short time before)
2. I'm sorry I'm in a bad mood. I'm **just** tired, that's all.
(only/simply)
3. I **just** love your new coat! (really)
4. I **just** finished the most wonderful book. You have to read it! (a short time before)
5. I don't want any coffee. **Just** a glass of water, please.
(only/simply)
6. John's so generous. I think he's **just** amazing! (really)
7. A: Who's coming tonight?
B: **Just** me. (only/simply)
8. Hold on a minute. I'm **just** going to the restroom.
(only/simply)

Possible answers

Restorative Justice hopes to: make the criminal understand the effect of his/her crime; stop him/her doing it again; give the victim the opportunity to ask questions and get an apology.

The victim might say: *You have ruined my life. Why did you do this to me? Do you understand how I feel? Do you think you will commit a crime again?*

The criminal might learn that crime has a real effect on the victim and that it takes a long time to get over it; that the victim deserves an explanation/apology; that people can be forgiving.

Possible answers

Peter might have written to Will to say he was sorry.

Will might have visited Peter in prison, and they might have talked about the effect of the burglary.....

The Restorative Justice Consortium could have introduced them and might have helped them to understand each other.

Answers

1. Will Riley is 50, he's married, and he has a daughter. He's a businessman from the city. Before the burglary, he appears to have enjoyed a normal life with his family.
Peter Woolf is also 50. He is married to Louise, and he now works as a counselor to rehabilitate criminals. He came from a dysfunctional family. He'd been in and out of prison for 18 years. Stealing was the only thing he knew.
2. Will was getting ready to go to the gym. Peter was coming downstairs after taking some jewelry and money.
3. Will was shocked. He asked, "What are you doing here?" He realized who Peter was and then he felt scared. He thought, "If he's got a knife, he could kill me."
Peter also felt frightened. He thought, "He's a big guy. If he wanted to, he could hurt me."
4. Will hadn't realized that Peter had smashed a flower pot on his head. A policeman asked Will if he was OK. He put his hand to his head and felt blood. All the pieces of the pot were on the ground. Will had to go to hospital and have stitches.
Peter didn't want to hit him, but he did what he had to do. He feels that he isn't a violent person.

5. Will became too frightened to open his front door. He kept wondering if Peter would have attacked his daughter if she had been at home.
Peter felt relieved because he was going back to prison, which was a place he knew well.
6. Will wasn't sure what the purpose was, but he went because he was curious.
Peter couldn't see the point either but agreed to meet Will because he was bored.
7. Peter referred to the burglary as "last time we met..." Will thought this made the crime sound like a social meeting and got very angry. He screamed questions at Will about why he had been chosen as the victim.
8. It made Peter realize that the burglary had affected Will very badly. Peter was shocked, and Will realized that he was an ordinary man and wanted to help him.
9. Will is delighted that he's been able to help Peter get his life back. Peter is also delighted because the process helped him to get his life sorted out. He thinks that if he hadn't met Will, he would have gone back to his old ways.

Possible answers

2. The statistic suggests that prison doesn't stop people from committing crime.
3. Other forms of punishment include: community service or unpaid work in the local area, returning stolen goods to the owner, curfews and electronic tagging, attending counseling and anger management programs.

Answers

Childhood — the best time of your life

Some people say that childhood is the best time of your life. However, being a child has both pros and cons.

One advantage is that you have very few responsibilities. For instance, you don't have to go to work, pay bills, or do the shopping, cooking, or cleaning. This means you have plenty of free time to do whatever you want—watch TV, play on the computer, go out with friends, play sports, or pursue other hobbies. Another point is that/Moreover, public transportation, movie theaters, and sports centers cost much less for children. All things considered, being a child is an exciting, action-packed time in life.

However, for every plus there is a minus. One disadvantage is that you have to spend all day, Monday to Friday, at school. Studying usually means you have to do homework, and you have to take exams. Another point is that/Moreover, you may have a lot of free time, but you are rarely allowed to do whatever you want. You usually have to ask your parents if you can do things, from going shopping in town to staying out late or going to a party. Finally, although there are often cheaper prices for children, things are still expensive—and parents are not always generous with allowance. There's never enough to do everything you want. In fact, sometimes there's not enough to do anything at all!

In conclusion, although some people see childhood as the best time in life, in my opinion children have no real choice, independence, or money. Nevertheless, it is true that choice, money, and independence all bring responsibilities and restrictions—which increase with age.

Answers

Paragraph 1: to introduce the argument

Paragraph 2: to present the advantages

Paragraph 3: to present the disadvantages

Paragraph 4: to conclude and give the writer's opinion

Answers

Pros

1. don't have to go to work
2. can go out to parties with friends
3. don't have to cook and clean
4. pay less for things

Cons

- have to go to school Monday to Friday
- need to ask your parents' permission
- have to do homework and take exams
- are never given enough allowance

Answers

prison — jail

burglar — robber

scared — frightened

purpose — point

meet — bump into

angry — furious

shocked — stunned

ordinary — normal

delighted — over the moon

totally — completely

Answers

1. "Did you meet anyone you know in town?"

"Yes, I bumped into Carlos as I was coming out of a store."

2. "Aren't you delighted with your test grade?"

"You bet. I'm over the moon. It's great!"

3. "The purpose of this meeting is to brainstorm ideas."

"Sorry, but I don't see the point. Why bother?"

4. "You must be angry with Tim for crashing your car."

"I'm absolutely furious with him."

5. "I was shocked when I heard that Joe had died. Weren't you?"

"I was stunned. He was only 49."

6. "I'm scared of dogs. I was bitten once."

"I'm not frightened of them. They're usually really friendly."

Answers

1. live alone happily
feel lonely and unhappy
2. big house/mistake/feet
great artist/Wall of China/party
3. tall person/building/trees
high mountain/wall/ceiling
4. little old lady/boy/finger
small room/glass of water/dress size
5. fast car/train/food
quick look/worker/thinking

Answers

- win the championship / beat the other team
make a mess / do your best
talk to my friends for hours / speak to my bank manager
buy someone a present / pay at the cash register
clean the apartment / wash my hair
listen to music / hear a noise
rob a bank / steal some jewelry
borrow money from someone / lend money to someone

Answers and audio script

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CDs 8

1. A: Here's your check.
B: Thank you. Is the tip included?
A: No, it isn't. I hope you enjoyed your meal.
2. A: How much is a standard room?
B: \$120 per night.
A: Does that include everything?
3. A: I'll pay for the tickets with my MasterCard.
B: Can you give me your number?
4. A: Could you give me the balance on my account?
B: Sure. Tell me your account number.
5. A: Can I have a cappuccino and two bottles of water, please?
B: Sure. That's \$14.50.
A: Thank you.
B: And here's your change, 50 cents.

Answers and audio script

1. a waiter and a customer; they are talking about paying the bill; questions: *Is the tip included? (Can you sign here?)*
2. a receptionist and a customer; they are talking about the cost of a room; questions: *How much is a standard room? Does that include everything? (Is that extra?)*
3. a customer service operator and a customer; they are talking about paying for tickets; questions: *Can you give me your number? (What's the expiration date? And the three digit security number on the back?)*
4. a bank clerk and a customer; they are talking about the customer's account balance; question: *Could you give me the balance on my account?*
5. a bartender and a customer; they are talking about paying; questions: *Can I have a cappuccino and two bottles of water, please? (How much did I give you? Oh, did you?)*

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1. A: Here's your check.
B: Thank you. Is the tip included?
A: No, it isn't. I hope you enjoyed your meal.
B: It was very nice, thank you.
A: Can you sign here? And here's your card and your receipt.
B: Thanks. That's for you.
A: That's very kind of you. I hope to see you again soon.
B: Bye!
2. A: How much is a standard room?
B: \$120 per night.
A: Does that include everything?
B: That includes the room for two people, but it doesn't include breakfast.
A: Is that extra?
B: Yes, I'm afraid it is. But the \$120 does include tax.
3. A: I'll pay for the tickets with my MasterCard.
B: Can you give me your number?
A: 5484 6922 3171 2435.
B: What's the expiration date?
A: 09/18.
B: And the three-digit security number on the back?
A: 721.

4. A: Could you give me the balance on my account?
B: Sure. Tell me your account number.
A: 4033 2614 7900.
B: Bear with me one moment. The current cleared balance on that account is \$542.53 in credit.
5. A: Can I have a cappuccino and two bottles of water, please?
B: Sure. That's \$14.50.
A: Thank you.
B: And here's your change, 50 cents.
A: Thanks. Um ... how much did I give you? I think you've made a mistake!
B: Sorry?
A: I think you must have made a mistake. I gave you \$20, but you've given me change for \$15.
B: No, I don't think so.
A: Well, I'm pretty sure I gave you a twenty dollar bill.
B: Oh, did you? Um ... sorry about that. Here you are.
A: Thanks.