



I Never Want to See You Again

A. Reading

Antonio is waiting for his girlfriend, Serena, so they can go out for dinner. When she arrives an hour late, he is pretty annoyed. Serena comments on Antonio's bad mood.

"Well, if you weren't always late, maybe I wouldn't be in a bad mood," says Antonio.

"Well, if you gave me better directions, I wouldn't be late," snaps Serena. Then she asks,

"Where are we going for dinner?"

"We're going to an Indian restaurant," Antonio tells her.

"What?" screeches Serena. "You know I hate Indian food...it's too spicy."

"I didn't know that!" yells Antonio, "Anyway, if you weren't so picky, we could eat at any kind of restaurant."

"Well, if you listened better, you would know more about me," cries Serena.

"Well, I've already made reservations," Antonio tells her coldly.

"If you really cared about me, you would cancel those reservations," says Serena.

"Well, I guess I don't care about you that much!" yells Antonio.

"Fine! Then I never want to see you again!" screams Serena.

If Serena and Antonio didn't argue so much, they would still be together.

I Never Want to See You Again cont.

B. Questions

1. According to Antonio, what could Serena do to prevent him from being in a bad mood?

2. Serena claims that she wouldn't be late if Antonio...

3. What is Antonio's response to Serena's complaint about the restaurant?

4. What does Serena say would happen if Antonio listened better?

5. According to Serena, what would it show if Antonio cancelled the reservations?

6. What would happen if Serena and Antonio didn't argue so much?



Low Self-Esteem

A. Reading

Peter doesn't have much self-confidence. He always doubts himself. "If I were smarter, I would get good grades. If I were taller, I could be on the basketball team. If I were stronger, I could be on the wrestling team. If I were better looking, I would have a girlfriend. If I were funnier, I'd have more friends." One day, some guys in his class asked him if he wanted to join their rock band because they knew Peter played guitar. He told them he didn't have enough time, but really he was thinking, "If only I played guitar better, I could be in a band." On his way home, Catherine asked if he wanted to go to the school dance with her. Peter lied, saying he had to work that night. Peter was really thinking to himself, "If only I knew how to dance, I could go with Catherine." It seems that Peter often avoids trying new things. If Peter didn't doubt himself so much, he would have a lot more fun.

Low Self-Esteem cont.

B. Questions

1. Does Peter think he is smart?

2. Name three things Peter would change about himself if he could.

3. Why does he want to change these things?

(Example: If he were funnier, he would have more friends.)

4. Does Peter believe he could make it onto the wrestling team?

5. What is the real reason Peter doesn't want to join the rock band? What does he think to himself?

6. What excuse does Peter give Catherine for not going to the dance?

7. What is the real reason Peter doesn't want to go to the dance with Catherine?

8. If Peter had more confidence...

About You

A. Questions

Complete the following sentences using the second conditional.

1. Do your parents or teachers ever tell you that if you did things differently, you would get better grades?
Fill in the blanks with what they might say.

"If you _____, you would get better grades."

2. Imagine that someone you know is very mean.
What could you say to them?

"If you weren't so mean, _____."

3. If I lived in Italy, _____.

4. If _____, I would be really happy.

5. If I could fly, _____.

6. If _____, I would be really sad.

7. If I were older, I could _____.

8. If _____, I could be a movie star.

Your Own Story

A. Drawing

Draw a picture in the box, or paste in a photograph.



B. Writing

Using the second conditional, write a short paragraph about the picture in the box. Use your notebook if you don't have enough space below.

Your Own Story cont.

C. Questions

Write five questions about your paragraph.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

D. Answers

Give your story and questions to a classmate.

Have them read your story and answer your questions below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____