

Word on the Street

Loch Ness Scene 1 – Language Focus

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Decide if the speaker believes the events in the following sentences have a real possibility of happening or if they are unreal situations.

1. If time travel was possible, I would go back and see the fall of the Berlin Wall.
 - a) real possibility
 - b) unreal possibility
2. I am studying medicine. I want to become a doctor.
 - a) real possibility
 - b) unreal possibility
3. If I could sing, I would become a famous celebrity.
 - a) real possibility
 - b) unreal possibility
4. If we had money to go to Africa, we would see a lot of lions.
 - a) real possibility
 - b) unreal possibility
5. We are going to see a lot of lions when we go to Africa.

- a) real possibility
- b) unreal possibility

6. I am signing my record deal tomorrow. This time next year I will be famous!

- a) real possibility
- b) unreal possibility

Activity 2

Choose one of the verb forms **in bold** to complete the sentences.

1. If someone **took / takes** a photo of the Loch Ness Monster, they would make loads of money.
2. I would travel around the world if I **win / won** a million pounds.
3. We would be there now if we **have asked / had asked** for directions.
4. If I **am / were** you, I would call him.
5. If I **become / became** the president of the USA, I would forgive all foreign debt.
6. If Michael Jackson **is / was** alive, he would be the top-selling musician of the year.

Activity 3

Decide if the following statements are true or false.

1. We use one clause to form a conditional sentence.
2. We use 'if (past tense), would (verb)' to talk about unreal/improbable situations in the present or future.

3. If the if-clause is first, we need to use a comma before the would-clause.
4. If the would-clause is first, we need to use a comma before the if-clause.
5. We sometimes use 'If I were you ...' instead of 'If I was you ...'.
6. We use the same verb forms in both parts of second conditional sentences.

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Answers

Activity 1

1. b) unreal possibility
2. a) real possibility
3. b) unreal possibility
4. b) unreal possibility
5. a) real possibility
6. a) real possibility

Activity 2

1. took
2. won
3. had asked
4. were
5. became
6. was

Activity 3

1. False
2. True
3. True
4. False
5. True
6. False