

# Conv. 2

# Answers

Complete these sentences with the correct idiom(s)

1. Whew! I was out of breath after hiking up the mountain.
2. Son: Hey Mom! Can I borrow 1,000,000 won?  
Mom: What? 1,000,000 won? That's out of the question. I need to save money for this month's rent.
3. I haven't played basketball in a long time. I'm really out of practice.
4. A: What did you think of 손예진's performance?  
B: Oh, it was out of this world. I've never seen better acting.
5. I need to go to the store. I'm out of eggs and milk.
6. You should never argue with your teacher. That's totally out of line.
7. My friend's home is really out of the way. It's in the countryside with no buses or paved roads.
8. I was surprised by the thunderstorm. It just appeared out of the blue.
9. My Dad paid for everything out of pocket.
10. I'd love to marry IU, but I think she's out of my league.
11. Student: Professor, can you postpone our exam?  
Professor: I'm sorry, but I can't. It's out of my hands now. The university scheduled all exams for this week.
12. A: My friend Hyeran forgot our appointment yesterday.  
B: Hyeran? Really? That's out of character for her. She's usually very reliable.
13. A lot of older people are out of touch with the younger generation. They don't understand them at all.
14. 재만 felt out of place in his company. All his co-workers were married or had girlfriends.

- a. out of the question
- b. out of the blue/out of nowhere
- c. out of line
- d. out of my league
- e. out of place
- f. out of breath
- g. out of character/out of ordinary
- h. out of the way
- i. out of this world
- j. out of touch
- k. out of pocket
- l. out of practice
- m. out of my hands
- n. out of

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Write the meanings of these idioms in English

([www.idioms4you.com](http://www.idioms4you.com))

1. past your prime (beyond your best)
2. hanging over your head (something you face in the future)
3. hard to miss (easy to see or notice)
4. make a deadline (finish something on time)
5. so far (up to now)
6. lose face (become embarrassed and less respected for)
7. on standby(#2) (waiting for/usually a flight)
8. on the right track (doing something in a way done)
9. pull off (accomplish) (what you've done)  
(that brings good result)
10. crack a book (open a book)
11. take lightly (not be serious about)
12. throw a party (host a party)
13. take a breather (rest or relax)
14. rule out (eliminate as a possibility)
15. easier said than done (something seems like a good idea, but it's more difficult than you think)



# GRAMMAR FOCUS

## Unreal conditional sentences with if clauses

**Imaginary situation  
(simple past)**

If I **found** \$750,000,

**Possible consequence  
(would, could, or might + verb)**

I **would spend** it.

I **wouldn't return** it so fast.

I **could buy** lots of nice clothes and jewelry.

I **might go** to the police.

What **would** you **do if** you **found** \$750,000?

**A** Complete these conversations. Then compare with a partner.

- A: If you had (have) three months to travel, where would you go (go)?  
 B: Oh, that's easy! I 'd fly (fly) to Europe. I've always wanted to go there.
- A: If your doctor told (tell) you to get more exercise, which sport would you choose (choose)?  
 B: I'm not sure, but I might go (go) jogging two or three times a week.
- A: What would you do (do) if your teacher gave (give) you an A by mistake?  
 B: Of course I 'd say (say) something right away.
- A: would you break (break) into your house if you locked (lock) yourself out?  
 B: If I didn't have (not have) another key, I might ask (ask) a neighbor for help.
- A: If your friend wanted (want) to marry someone you didn't trust, would you say (say) something?  
 B: No, I wouldn't say (not say) anything. I 'd mind (mind) my own business.
- A: What would you do (do) if you saw (see) your favorite movie star on the street?  
 B: I wouldn't be (not be) shy! I 'd ask (ask) for a photo and an autograph.

**B PAIR WORK** Take turns asking the questions in part A. Answer with your own information.

## 4 LISTENING Tough predicaments

**A** Listen to three people talk about predicaments. Number them from 1 to 3 in the order they are discussed.

| Predicament   | Suggestions |
|---|-------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two people were fighting in the street.      | .....       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A friend lost all her money while traveling. | .....       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A friend has a serious shopping problem.     | .....       |

**B** Listen again. What suggestions do the people give for each predicament? Take notes. Which is the best suggestion?



## ERCHANGE 15 Do the right thing!

What would you do in some difficult situations? Go to Interchange 15 on page 130.

### WORD POWER Opposites

**A** Find nine pairs of opposites in this list. Complete the chart. Then compare with a partner.

|          |          |         |        |          |          |
|----------|----------|---------|--------|----------|----------|
| ✓ accept | borrow   | dislike | find   | lose     | remember |
| admit    | deny     | divorce | forget | marry    | save     |
| agree    | disagree | enjoy   | lend   | ✓ refuse | spend    |

|        |   |          |         |   |       |        |   |          |
|--------|---|----------|---------|---|-------|--------|---|----------|
| accept | ≠ | refuse   | borrow  | ≠ | lend  | find   | ≠ | lose     |
| admit  | ≠ | deny     | divorce | ≠ | marry | forget | ≠ | remember |
| agree  | ≠ | disagree | dislike | ≠ | enjoy | save   | ≠ | spend    |

**B PAIR WORK** Choose four pairs of opposites. Write sentences using each pair.

I can never save money because I spend it all on clothes.

## 7 PERSPECTIVES I felt terrible.

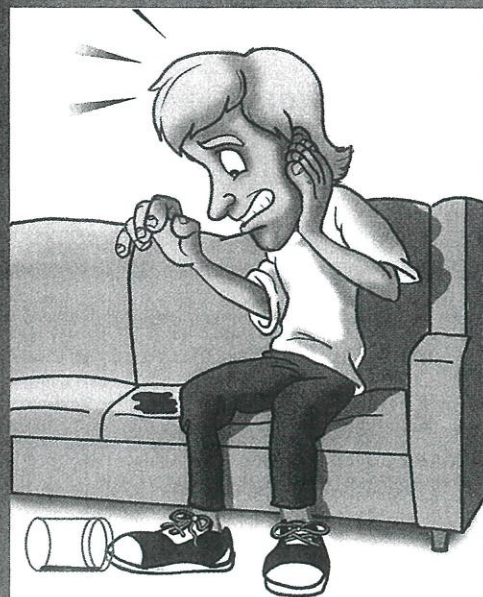
**A** Listen to people talk about recent predicaments. Then check (✓) the best suggestion for each one.

“What a disaster! I spilled juice on my parents’ new couch. They weren’t home, so I just turned the cushions over. What should I have done?”

- You should have told them about it.
- You should have cleaned it immediately.
- You should have offered to buy them a new couch.

“I forgot my best friend’s birthday. I felt terrible, so I sent him a text to apologize. What would you have done?”

- I would have called him right away.
- I would have sent him a nice birthday present.
- I would have invited him out for a meal.



**B PAIR WORK** Compare with a partner. Do you agree with each other?



## AMMAR FOCUS

### Past models

Use **would have** or **should have** + *past participle* to give opinions or suggestions about actions in the past.

What **should** I **have done**?

You **should have told** them about it.

You **shouldn't have hidden** it.

What **would** you **have done**?

I **would have called** him.

I **wouldn't have sent** him a text.

**A** Complete these conversations. Then practice with a partner.

- A: The cashier gave me too much change. What should I have done (do)?  
 B: You should have said (say) something. You shouldn't have taken (take) the money.
- A: I ignored an email from someone I don't like. What would you have done (do)?  
 B: I would have replied (reply) to the person. It just takes a minute!
- A: I was watching a good movie when my phone rang. What should I have done (do)?  
 B: You should have taken (take) the call and told (tell) the person you'd call back later.
- A: We left all our trash at the campsite. What would you have done (do)?  
 B: I would have taken (take) it with me and thrown (throw) it away later.

**B** Read the situations below. What would have been the best thing to do? Choose suggestions. Then compare with a partner.

#### Situations

- The teacher borrowed my favorite book and spilled coffee all over it. b.
- I saw a classmate cheating on an exam. So I wrote her an email about it. e.
- A friend of mine always has messy hair. So I gave him a comb for his birthday. a.
- I hit someone's car when I was leaving a parking lot. Luckily, no one saw me. f.
- My aunt gave me a wool sweater. I can't wear wool, so I gave it back. h.

#### Suggestions

- You should have spoken to him about it.
- I would have spoken to the teacher about it.
- I would have waited for the owner to return.
- I wouldn't have said anything.
- You should have warned her not to do it again.
- You should have left a note for the owner.
- I would have told her that I prefer something else.
- You should have exchanged it for something else.

**C GROUP WORK** Make another suggestion for each situation in part B.

## 9 PRONUNCIATION Reduction of have

**A** Listen and practice. Notice how **have** is reduced in these sentences.

What would you have <sup>/əv/</sup> done?

I would have <sup>/əv/</sup> told the truth.

**B PAIR WORK** Practice the conversations in Exercise 8, part A, again. Use the reduced form of **have**.



# The Advice Circle

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Skim the three posts on the message board. What problem does each writer have?

Health | Parenting | Education | Lifestyle | Relationships



Terry

Someone told me that my brother's girlfriend was dating another guy. I told my brother and he then decided to confront her with the story. They had an argument and, although she denied the rumor, they broke up. Now it turns out that the rumor wasn't true, and my brother isn't speaking to me.

Posts: 11



Pixie

You really learned a lesson, didn't you? You shouldn't have listened to gossip. Now you have to repair the damage. Apologize and hope that he will forgive and forget!

Posts: 14

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Lola

Don't blame yourself. You sincerely tried your best. But, frankly, I wouldn't have acted so quickly. I would have waited to see what happened. Try talking to him – and good luck!

Posts: 7

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Linda

My son is 23 and still lives at home. He finished college last year, but I really don't think he's trying to get a job. Meanwhile, I've been cooking his meals and doing his laundry.

Posts: 21



Too Bad

You're making it too easy for him to stay home. Be firm and tell him he has to find a job and get his own place. He's old enough to take care of himself.

Posts: 17

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Poodle

You're his mother, and family is family. It's hard to find a job if you have no experience. And don't you have to cook for yourself? Don't complain about your son.

Posts: 3

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Robin

I saw my friend's brother at the beach with some of his friends. It wasn't a holiday, so I think he was skipping school. Should I tell my friend?

Posts: 15



Zeb

I would suggest you keep your mouth shut. Let them work things out for themselves. If you say something, you could damage your friendship with both of them.

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Speedy

What are you waiting for? You should tell your friend right now, and tell her mom, too! The only way to solve your dilemma is to be 100% honest.

Posts: 10

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**A** Read the message board. Match the name and the advice.

- |                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Pixie <i>d</i> .....   | a. Be honest.      |
| 2. Lola <i>e</i> .....    | b. Say nothing.    |
| 3. Too Bad <i>c</i> ..... | c. Be firm.        |
| 4. Poodle <i>f</i> .....  | d. Apologize.      |
| 5. Zeb <i>b</i> .....     | e. Talk to him.    |
| 6. Speedy <i>a</i> .....  | f. Don't complain. |

**B** Find the words in *italics* below in the message board. Then match each one with its meaning.

- |                                       |                                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <i>5</i> 1. <i>confront</i>           | a. make a fresh start              |
| <i>a</i> 2. <i>forgive and forget</i> | b. strong and determined           |
| <i>b</i> 3. <i>firm</i>               | c. a difficult problem             |
| <i>c</i> 4. <i>dilemma</i>            | d. discuss in a strong, direct way |

**C PAIRWORK** Which advice do you agree or disagree with? What advice would you give?