Second Conditional Exercises

A. Add the correct forms of the verbs to make second conditional sentences (use "would" in the main clause)

If Frank _____ you, he _____ to you. (like, talk)
→ If Frank liked you, he would talk to you. Or: … , he'd talk to you.

1. If she _____ the answer, she _____ you. (know, tell)
2. We _____ every day if we _____ close to the beach. (swim, live)
3. If you _____ them, _____ they _____ ? (ask, come)
4. If I _____ sick, I _____ to class. (feel, not go)
5. We _____ more money if _____ to restaurants all the time. (save, not go)
6. If I _____ the lottery, I _____ a boat. (win, buy)
7. Jack _____ the game if he _____ harder. (win, try)
8. I _____ if I _____ happy. (not stay, not be)
9. What _____ Mary _____ if she _____ here? (do, be)
10. If I _____ you, I _____ about it. (be, not worry)

B. Put the words in the most logical order starting with a word that has a capital letter (use a comma if necessary)

bike a If had I would I ride to work → If I had a bike, I would ride to work.

11. If our car not use would we city the in lived we

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12. it snowed If we a snowman could build

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13. travel rich you Would you more were if?

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14. he If he would better felt go out

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15. in Italy if I would I had a European passport live

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16. catch Could we the train if left we now?

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17. If moved get better job a a big city she to might

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18. were I'd tomorrow job if rich quit I my

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19. teachers happier If students less complained would be

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20. your phone bag your in You'd more put learn if you

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Answers

A.

1. If she **knew** the answer, she **would tell** you.
   (short form: she**'d tell**)
2. We **would swim** every day if we **lived** close to the beach.
   (short form: We**'d swim**)
3. If you **asked** them, **would** they **come**?
4. If I **felt** sick, I **would not go** to class.
   (short form: I **wouldn't go**)*
5. We **would save** more money if we **did not go** to restaurants all the time.
   (short forms: We**'d save**; we **didn't go**)
6. If I **won** the lottery, I **would buy** a boat.
   (short form: I**'d buy**)
7. Jack **would win** the game if he **tried** harder.
   (NB: We do not usually contract names and ***would*** when we write, so we do not usually write "Jack'd".)
8. I **would not stay** if I **were not** happy. / … if I **was not** happy.
   (short forms: I **wouldn't stay**; I **weren't**; I **wasn't**)*
9. What **would** Mary **do** if she **were** here? / … if she **was** here?
10. If I **were you**, I **would not worry** about it. / If I **was you**, … .
    (short form: I **wouldn't worry**)*

B.

11. If we lived in the city, we would not use our car.
12. If it snowed, we could build a snowman.
13. Would you travel more if you were rich?
14. If he felt better, he would go out.
15. I would live in Italy if I had a European passport.
16. Could we catch the train if we left now?
17. If she moved to a big city, she might get a better job.
18. I'd quit my job tomorrow if I were rich.
19. If students complained less, teachers would be happier.
20. You'd learn more if you put your phone in your bag.

*It is possible to use the construction "I'd not *VERB*" (instead of "I wouldn't *VERB*"), but this is not common in modern English.

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