ACTIVITY SHEET   EPISODE 14: JUNK DNA

ACTIVITY 1

Match the two halves of each sentence, and indicate to which conditional type the sentence belongs, i.e. whether it is zero, 1st, 2nd or 3rd.

a. If Susan trains hard every day 1st conditional	**1. more people would use it**
b. Company profits increase	2. if the company had invested in
c. If scientist had found a cure	3. the board always reassesses its position
d. The results would reflect the change	4. it will be worth the effort to investigate
e. If the government is serious about reducing pollution	5. if sales had been higher
f. If the transport system was more reliable	6. she will make the Olympic team
g. Their profits would have doubled	7. when banks reduce interest rates
h. If the prices increase dramatically	8. the people would not have died of those diseases
i. If the investment grows at 10% per annum	9. If the researcher analysed the data more carefully
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ACTIVITY 2

Consolidate your learning about conditional sentences and practise forming either the zero, first, second or third conditional by selecting the correct verb tense to complete the sentences below.

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    b) would gain
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2. If the competitor _____ its new product, the marketing team would have reached its goal in the last quarter.

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    b) had not launched
    c) would launch

3. It might help his prospects, if he _____ the time with the career counsellor.

    a) would have spent
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