Unit 19 · Facts and Truths

HARDER PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Full marks 25

Write your answers on separate paper.

1 Is it still true? [6]

Jenisha is reporting what people said. Read who said it, and when.

1. Her science teacher, last week: "Sound travels faster in water than in air."
2. Her grandfather, in a letter he wrote in 1990: "A bus ticket from Kathmandu to Pokhara costs Rs. 60." (The price is made up. Today the ticket costs far more.)
3. Her friend Karma, at lunch yesterday: "I am hungry."
4. A guide in Chitwan: "Elephants have thick skin."
5. An old geography book printed in 2005: "Nepal has 75 districts." (Nepal now has 77 districts.)

a. Report each one, beginning: *1. Our science teacher told us that … • 2. My grandfather said that … • 3. Karma said that … • 4. The guide told us that … • 5. The old book said that …*

b. In which reports may the verb stay in the present? In which must it move to the past? Explain the difference.

c. Jenisha's cousin wrote: *The guide told that elephants have thick skin.* Correct it in two different ways.

2 Every time, or this one time? [5]

a. For each sentence, say whether the speaker means **what happens every time** or **one particular future event.** Then write the verbs in brackets in the right form.

1. (A sign on a machine) If you ..... (press) the red button, the machine ..... (stop).
2. (Mother, looking at dark clouds this morning) If it ..... (rain) this afternoon, we ..... (not go) to the fair.
3. (A science book) If you ..... (heat) butter, it ..... (melt).
4. (A coach, before Saturday's match) If we ..... (win) on Saturday, we ..... (play) in the final.
5. (Grandmother, about her house) If guests ..... (come), we always ..... (offer) them tea.

b. Put *Whenever* in place of *If* in each sentence. In which ones does the meaning stay the same? What does that tell you?

c. A student wrote sentence 2 as *If it will rain this afternoon, we won't go to the fair.* Correct it.

3 Say it with if [4]

Write each as one *if* sentence. Decide first: does it happen **every time**, or is it **one future event**?

1. Every time Bibek's dog hears thunder, it hides under the bed.
2. Bibek's family will go for a picnic on Sunday, but only if the strike is over by then.
3. Each time Hajurama forgets to drink enough water, she gets a headache.
4. Nima's bus leaves at six tomorrow morning. Getting up late would make him miss it.

4 Is it true every time? [5]

A zero conditional says that something happens **every time**. So it can be false.

a. Which of these are true every time? Correct each one that isn't, changing as little as you can.

1. If you drop an iron nail into water, it sinks.
2. If you drop a glass on a stone floor, it breaks.
3. If you mix red and blue paint, you get green.
4. If you put a piece of ice into a cup of hot tea, it melts.
5. If you pour oil into water, it sinks to the bottom.

b. For sentence 2, explain why your change makes it true.

5 Instructions for a rice cooker [5]

Gyanu wrote notes for using her family's rice cooker, but in the wrong order. (The rice cooker is made up.)

- the light turns red while it cooks
- wash the rice two or three times in cold water
- put the rice into the inner pot
- plug it in, press the switch down
- close the lid
- add water up to the line for the number of cups
- when the switch clicks up and the light turns green, wait ten more minutes before you open it
- the light doesn't come on: is the plug in?
- the rice is too hard: more water next time

a. Write the instructions **How to cook rice in the rice cooker** as numbered steps, in order, each beginning with a verb. Leave out what isn't a step.

b. Two notes are about problems. Write each one as a full sentence beginning with *If*.