

IB Grammar Revision

Grammatical items:

Conditional

If I won an enormous sum of money I would spend it very quickly. I would buy a brand new car, a Ferrari probably, a house in France for my parents and I would have a swimming pool built in our garden. I would certainly put a lot of money in my bank account. However, I would not change my lifestyle. I would continue my studies at school and university and I would find an interesting, well paid job. The only difference is that I would come to school in my Ferrari.

I would give some of the money to a charity which works for the Third World, children or which fights against serious diseases. My parents said that, if they won the national lottery, they would stop working and go to live in Australia. They would also do a tour of the world as they love travelling. What would you do if you won a million pounds? One of my friends thinks that she would not like to win the lottery because it would change her life too much. I don't agree!

Future

Next year I intend to stay at school in order to study four subjects for A-level. If I get good marks, I hope to study maths, chemistry, economics and French. When I am eighteen I shall go to university to do a degree. In the future I plan to get married and I shall have children, but I do not want to get married too young. I would like to travel and I hope to have a good, well-paid job. I shall probably stay in England, but it is possible that I shall go and live abroad, perhaps in France.

My friend Joe says that he will leave school. He will try to find a job straight away, but it will be difficult. When I finish my A-levels I shall travel to Australia. I have some friends there and I hope to find a job in a bar or in a shop. The weather will be nice and I'll be able to see some interesting places.

Perfect/imperfect

Whilst I was walking down the street the other day I saw an old friend who used to go to school with me in London. When I saw him I was really surprised and I asked him what he was doing now. He said he was working in an office not far from the railway station, for a company called Superprint.

I asked him if he had children and he said that he was married and that he had a son and a daughter. His son was called David and his daughter Felicity was at university. She was studying French and German. I told him that I was working in a small school on the edge of the town. He asked me if I liked my job and I replied that I found it interesting, but that the pupils did not always want to work. He said that his job was quite boring, but that he earned a good salary.

We then decided to go to the coffee shop. We talked about our families, our jobs and our plans for the future. I was very happy to see my old friend again.

Mixed tenses

*Last night I decided to stay at home and watch a film on television. I watched *Les 400 Coups*, a French movie by François Truffaut. I don't normally watch foreign films now, but a friend recommended it, so I thought I would make an effort to watch a film in a different language. When I lived in France I often used to watch French films.*

It's about a young boy, Antoine Daniel, who lives in Paris and who hates school. He parents look after him badly. He misses lessons, goes to the cinema and steals from shops. He hides in the house of a friend. One day he tells the teacher that he missed lessons because his mother was dead. Then his mother arrives at school so he is punished. Eventually the police arrest Antoine and he has to go to a special centre for young delinquents. But he decides to escape and in the last scene we see him on a beach. He's looking at the sea and we wonder how his future will be. I liked the film a lot and I would now like to see more films by Truffaut.